





## Crucial Stage In the East

By a Veteran Commander

THE great battle in the East has entered its crucial stage. This stage is being fought on the Northern Donets where the Germans are attempting to create a pincer from Chuguyev and from Izum in the direction of the railroad junction of Kupiansk.

### On the War Fronts

Back in January it appeared certain that the enemy would fight a fierce battle for the Donets position. We wrote about it repeatedly. But that battle did not materialize then in the expected form because the Red Army in a bold dash crossed the river and started spreading southwestward toward the Dnieper.

The Germans were caught off guard, overwhelmed. Furthermore, they still had suspicions about Allied intentions in Western Europe. Finally, the roads were still hard and the Soviets' lack of railroads was being, in a measure, compensated by their magnificent motor and sledge transport.

BUT by February 20 the situation changed materially. The Germans regained their senses and regrouped. The situation in the West permitted them to pull out a dozen more divisions from Europe and the thaw ruined the roads.

And so the Germans fought their battle of the Donets "in reverse," i.e., in the form of an offensive battle instead of a defensive one.

Now the main forces of both sides are locked on the Donets and it begins to appear that the great German effort might be spending itself. Great aerial battles are being fought, answering the silly question, "Where is the Luftwaffe?" The Luftwaffe is on the Donets, in force.

On the central front Soviet troops continue their laborious march forward and are approaching the German main defense arc on the distant approaches to Smolensk.

The Germans claim that "Staraya Russa is being encircled by Russian tank and infantry forces." This may be true, but Soviet dispatches do not confirm this as yet. However, there is no doubt that Marshal Timoshenko is making steady progress.

There is no Soviet confirmation of Swedish dispatches claiming that "Russian troops have advanced to within seven miles of the Arctic port of Petsamo."

ALTHOUGH Allied reports do not yet confirm that General Montgomery is attacking the Mareh Line, it would seem that something is stirring.

In central Tunisia the Allies have captured Gafsa and this appears like an indication that the general assault has either started or is about to start.

At the eleventh hour the only thing we can do is wish our men the best of luck.

Nothing of importance on the other fronts.

## MacArthur Plans Pacific Offensive

(Daily Worker Foreign Department)

One year ago yesterday, General Douglas MacArthur stepped off the train in Melbourne, Australia, after his dramatic voyage by plane, PT boat and rail from beleaguered Bataan peninsula.

That was in the early days of the Pacific campaign. Our boys on Bataan were holding firm under unequal conditions. The enemy had hammered through the Philippines, down through Malaya, and was battering on the outskirts of Australia itself.

In this year, MacArthur has shown not only the fighting stuff our boys are made of, an excellent generalship in the New Guinea campaign, but also a broad statesmanship towards the issues of the war on a world scale.

From the Philippines, it was MacArthur that noted the Red Army's 33rd birthday, hailing "the scale and grandeur" of the Red Army's offensive "as the greatest military achievement in all history." That epitomized MacArthur's sense of proportion and sense of coalition, characteristic of a man of wide vision.

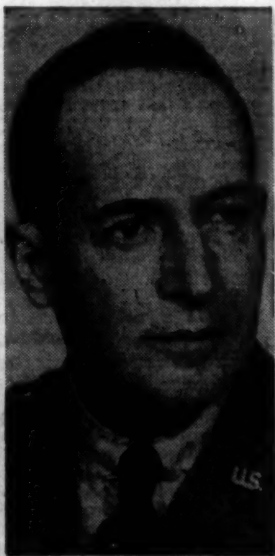
### TWO VICTORIES

In these last months, our forces under MacArthur have scored two great victories: one was the campaign over the Owen Stanley mountains last November which threw back the Japanese threat to Port Moresby and finally captured Buna.

The other was the great victory over the Japanese fleet in Bismarck sea last month. Fifteen thousand enemy reinforcements, a dozen enemy destroyers and transports, wrecked down north of New Guinea, wrecking the Japanese attempt to reinforce their positions at Lae and Salamaua.

MacArthur's campaigns have thus far been of a strategically defensive character, but none the less important. He has clearly prepared the basis for offensive action in the Pacific, developing from the mainland of China itself—an offensive of which we are fully capable as our main forces hit at the heart of the Axis in Europe.

MacArthur's year in Australia has cemented our Allies relations there. His conceptions of warfare have grown to a new level. However much the Hearst press and other defeatists try to use Arthur's prestige as a cloak for their own sinister designs, they cannot hide the fact that MacArthur belongs to the whole nation.



GEN. MACARTHUR

### Admit Essen Shattered in RAF Raid

STOCKHOLM, March 18 (UP).—The National Zeitung of Essen admitted indirectly today that great damage was caused in Essen in last Friday's RAF raid, reporting that the army district office had been compelled to move, that gas service was temporarily suspended and that only eight of 34 movie theatres were still open.

It said that the British dropped thousands of false ration cards "extending the sufferings of still a larger part of the population." The evacuation of the city's population has been speeded up.

Extra rations of coffee and alcohol are being distributed to all but Jews and those using the counterfeit ration cards will be punished by "severe special measures," it said.

## No More Oil to Franco, Foe of United Nations!

FASCIST FRANCO has now come forth with such a fulmination as might be expected of him. Before the Spanish Cortes on Wednesday the so-called "Caudillo" gave vent to expressions bitterly hostile to the United Nations. His words breathed the spirit, and indeed the actualities, also, of warfare against the countries which are combatting Hitlerism. At Madrid Franco said in clear effect that he will do all in his power to injure those who oppose the Axis, even "to the death."

That he has chosen to cloak his anti-democratic assault under the guise of warning upon the Soviet Union alone and in fuming against "Communism" is merely a continuance of the old theme learned from his master, the Nazi Fuehrer. It is the "anti-Comintern" mish-mash all over again. The existence of the Blue Divisions on the Soviet front, spilling the blood of the brave people who are defending America's shores from Nazi attack, is the

ugly reality which confirms the wordy hatred of Franco for all those who block his master's schemes for world domination.

It is a sorry sight, or rather an indignation-arousing event, that American Ambassador, Carlton Hayes sat through this tirade against our most powerful ally, complacently drinking in what Franco spilled forth. His seat was close to that of the Nazi ambassador, who was in the position of wielding the baton for the Caudillo's music.

It is not so long since this American ambassador went out of his way to laud the "peace economy" of Franco, with full knowledge that the butcher of Barcelona is squeezing every drop of blood out of the Spanish nation in order to hurt our Soviet ally and our common anti-Axis cause. Such praise was lavished by Mr. Hayes upon the fascist dictator as an excuse for the oil which he announced was flowing from America to Spain in amounts larger than the quantities reaching our own Eastern seaboard. This

oil, it is now made evident by Franco's Cortes speech, goes to help Hitler's bandits on the Soviet front.

Self-respect as well as self-preservation demand that the United States take a decisive and decided stand with regard to Franco Spain. There can no longer be any shipping of oil to this fascist clique which is committed to warring upon our ally and to injuring our own nation. There can be no more faith exhibited in the fairy tales which are spun in Madrid, about the possibility of "winning Franco away" from his maker Hitler through appeasement. All measures for the protection of our armed forces in North Africa from sudden treacherous assault from the rear by Hitler, in connivance with Franco, are also imperatively required.

Franco has said, without making much bones about it, that he is hostile to the United Nations. Let us understand that he is such and act accordingly.

### Welcome at White House



Lieut. Gen. George C. Kenney (left) commander of the Allied Air Forces in the South Pacific area, is shown with Maj. Gen. Richard K. Sutherland, Gen. MacArthur's chief of staff, as they left the White House after conferring with President Roosevelt. Allied planes under General Kenney's command wiped out the 22-ship Japanese convoy in the Bismarck Sea battle, off New Guinea.

## Hitler Moves More Troops Against Yugoslav Patriots

(By Wireless to Inter-Continental News)

MOSCOW, March 18.—Hitler is switching many divisions from Greece against the People's Army of Yugoslavia and more than 15 Italian, German, fascist Croatian and Chetnik divisions are now bearing down on the partisans in southern Bosnia, says "Free Yugoslavia" in its weekly broadcast heard here.

The radio cites the testimony of Sgt. Franz Muenzer, of the 737th Regiment, 36th Grenadier Division recently captured, who said that he had been transferred to the Gornji Vakuf area in southern Bosnia in the middle of February.

On top of this, Draza Mihailovich's "Chetniks," numbering 5,000 men are attacking the People's Army at the left bank of the Neretva River on the Bosnia-Herzegovinian border. These "Chetniks" consist of seven Montenegrin brigades, two from east Bosnia and two from Herzegovina.

The enemy is being forced back to Bugojno, says "Free Yugoslavia," after losing 800 killed and wounded in one engagement, including a German major and battalion commander. Forty light machine guns and two 75's were captured.

On the other hand, the Axis air force is mercilessly bombarding towns like Gornji Vakuf and Prozor, recently captured by the partisans. Both of these are virtually in ruins. The villages of Maslova, Sava, and Bilici have suffered heavy damage.

The partisans have struck out at the "Chetnik" units, killing more than 120 in one engagement. Major Nikola Boljovitch, Chetnik brigade commander, was captured.

A group of partisan tanks raided the "Chetnik" quarters near Mostar

on the Neretva River. Important documents fell into the partisan hands.

Heavy battles, with results still uncertain, are reported all along the Mostar-Sarajevo railway line from the Adriatic Coast inland, cleared by the partisans two weeks ago.

Guerrilla actions are reported on widespread sectors, including Slovenia, southern Croatia (near the capital Zagreb) and in Serbia.

The Nazis are mobilizing Slovenes and Croats in large numbers, but many are escaping to join the partisan army and its guerrilla units.

### Navy Reports Three Raids on Kiska Island

WASHINGTON, March 18 (UP).—The American aerial offensive against the Japanese on Kiska is continuing, with the Navy today reporting more attacks against that enemy outpost Tuesday during which a fire was started and at least two enemy planes shot down.

There were three separate bombing raids on the Japanese submarine base and camp area and in addition a dogfight between eight two-motored Lightning fighters and a like number of enemy fighters in which two of the enemy planes were destroyed and two others probably were shot down.

The attacks on Kiska have been growing in intensity since early

February, with the Army and Navy apparently determined to knock out this enemy base on American territory. Seventeen attacks were made on it in the first 16 days of March.

The communiqué also reported that Liberator bombers made minor attacks on Japanese bases in Munda, Vila, Kahili and Ballale in the Solomons Islands.

### Archbishop Spellman Aids No. Africa Church

ALBANY, March 18 (UP).—Archbishop Francis J. Spellman of New York has donated \$2,000 to aid in the rebuilding of Catholic churches damaged in the North African fighting, it was revealed today.

Archbishop Spellman presented a check to Monsignor Leynaud, the senior executive of the Catholic church in Algeria, during a visit to the prelate.

## South Africans Raise Big Fund For Medical Aid to Red Army

(Special to the Daily Worker)

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa, March 18.—Transport of certain types of medical supplies to the Soviet Union by air has been begun by the South African Committee for Medical Aid for Russia, Organizing Secretary H. M. Schneller has announced.

The Medical Aid for Russia Committee is buying these medications out of a sum of 250,000 pounds sterling (about \$1,250,000), collected here during the past 15 months.

Of this sum, a little over half has been sent to Soviet Ambassador Ivan Maisky in London, to be used for the purchase of medical supplies for the Red Army and shipment to the Soviet Union along with other supplies sent from England.

The remainder, however, is being used in monthly shipments of vaccines and serums direct to Soviet territory by air from here, Mr. Schneller said. Preparations have been made—if the Soviet Government requests them—for large-scale production of other vaccines and serums, such as diphtheria, anti-toxin, tetanus anti-toxin, diphtheria prophylactic and typhoid endotoxin vaccine.

The Committee, whose offices are at 633/5 His Majesty's Bldgs., in this city, has been able to undertake this important aid to Russia's fighting forces, Mr. Schneller said,

because of the helpful cooperation of the South African Institute for Medical Research, which makes various sorts of vaccines and serums and sells them at cost to the Medical Aid for Russia Committee.

First shipment by air consisted of 10,000 doses of anti-gas gangrene serum and 2,000 doses of anti-bacterial dysentery serum. Mr. Schneller says that "within the next few weeks we shall be able to supply, by air to the Eastern Front,

between 30,000 and 40,000 doses of anti-typhus vaccine monthly."

In addition to these medical supplies, the South African Medical Aid to Russia Committee has also found it possible to send surgical equipment and bandages to Russia in the last two or three months, and some 20,000 woolen garments and blankets.

"We feel that there are certain grounds for satisfaction in the work that is being done here for Medical Aid for Russia," Mr. Schneller said. "Those most active in my organization are, of course, aware that there are other types of assistance more valuable to the Soviets than ours. On the other hand, it is felt that the sum collected is an important indication of the sympathy for our most gallant Allies which exists among democratic South Africans."

"It must be remembered that of South Africa's ten million souls, the eight million or so non-European are, by and large, too poor, however strong their sympathies, to make any financial contribution to our fund. Of the two million Europeans, a large section is anti-democratic and pro-Nazi. The sum of 250,000 pounds sterling, therefore, has been donated by representatives of a section of the community numbering not much more than one million."

The details have now been learned here about the recent trials of anti-fascists in Denmark. The Copenhagen City Court sentenced 26-year-old Jorder to imprisonment for the distribution of an illegal anti-fascist pamphlet by Axel Larsen, Communist leader, and of another anti-Hitler pamphlet. For the distribution of anti-fascist leaflets in the German language calling upon German soldiers to turn their guns against their officers, two Danish patriots were sentenced by the Hitlerite court martial to ten and five years imprisonment in a German prison.

### Rzhev: An Eyewitness Account

## A Soviet Boy Learns 'Americanski' Songs

(Third of a Series of Articles on Rzhev.)

By Janet Weaver

RZHEV, March 18 (ICN).—Music in Rzhev? We stopped and listened to the sad, sweet strains of an old Georgian song being played on an accordion.

It did seem strange to hear music in this ruined city, yet we were not altogether surprised. It's a characteristic trait of the Soviet people that even in the darkest moments of the war, music and song are always with them.

Perhaps it was the setting and the unexpectedness of the music that surprised us. The sinking sun cast a rosy light on the snow, and all around us the skeletons of ruined buildings rose toward the sky. A strong wind, almost a touch of Spring in it, howled through the trees, the only sound in the dead city of Rzhev.

"That's Victor," a Red Army man told us as we stood listening. "Victor's a small boy. Would you like to meet him?"

We entered a small cottage, and sitting by the window fingering his accordion lovingly and putting into music everything that was in his heart, was Victor.

YOUNG BUT OLD

At first he looked to be about nine or ten; but as we came closer and got a good glimpse of his face in the fading light, we saw it was the face of an old man, a serious face, pale and pinched from hunger and suffering, the face of a little old man of 13.

In one corner sat his old, bent grandfather, and, standing by the table, Yevdokia Prokushova, Victor's mother.

The story she told was even stranger than the sound of Victor's music at sunset on a March evening.

Yevdokia Prokushova worked in the Rzhev post office until the last moment before the Germans came. Then she took her family, consisting of her old father and Victor—her husband is in the Red Army—and left the city.

But the Germans overtook them and forced them to return. They found their house occupied by German soldiers, and the three of them were pushed into one tiny room, where they were permitted to live

while they worked for the Germans, cleaning and washing their clothes and getting nothing in return but potato peelings.

In August, 1942, when the Red Army began its offensive, the entire population, or all the people who were able to travel, were taken to the village of Karpovka, about 18 miles from Rzhev. Soon they were ordered to move on to another village.

"Victor was ill and as we traveled his temperature rose to 104," Yevdokia told us. "I begged the Germans to allow me to remain behind with the boy and my father, who was very weak. They finally let us go, and we started back to Karpovka."

"TYPHUS"

On the way they were met by groups of German soldiers, whom they kept from molesting them by shouting "typhus" as they approached. Getting back to Karpovka they found a dargout, where they lived with some other people, and Victor became well again.

Having learned the fear of the Germans for the very word "typhus," they decided to use this fear as a means of saving themselves.

"We put on our raggedest clothes and tried to look as ugly as possible," Yevdokia said. "When the Germans came near round, we'd run out and yell 'typhus,' and they'd stay away from us."

During this whole time Victor clung doggedly to his beloved accordion, dragging it along, hanging on to it even when he was burning with fever.

Before the war he won a prize in a music contest, he told us, some day he hopes to play in a big orchestra.

Some books lay on the window sill. One of them was a book about Gogol, which Victor said he had been reading. We asked him if he ever read American and British authors. He rattled off a list of books including "White Fang," "Tom Sawyer," "Huckleberry Finn" and some by Dickens. Tom Sawyer is his favorite American book, he said.

He did not know any American songs, he said, and we invited him to come over to our hotel and hear some.

He accepted eagerly. About 8 o'clock there was a timid knock, and there stood Victor with his accordion. But with him was a little girl, her head wrapped in a gray shawl, her face wrinkled and lined like that of an old woman.

"Your sister?" we asked.

"No, this is Lena Markova," Victor replied, "she lives with us now because she has no home and no family."

He took off his coat and fur cap and sat down near the stove.

We decided on "The Eyes of Texas Are Upon You," to begin with, because it is an easy tune. We all sang the song while Victor sat there, his head cocked to one side listening, his fingers moving softly over the keys.

And then he played the song himself. We helped him now and then when he stumbled for a note. He played it the third time without missing a single note.

There followed "My Bonnie Lies Over the Ocean," "Tipperary," "Over There" and others.

Victor smiled happily for the first time. He now knew some "Americanski" songs.

## Greeks Join Yugoslavs In Guerrilla War on Nazis

ISTANBUL, March 18 (ICN).—Greek guerrilla patriots now dominate all the interior districts of the island of Crete, reports reaching here state.

At the same time, Greek guerrilla forces on the mainland are co-operating with the Yugoslav Liberation Army, these reports say.

The Italians never appear in the interior districts of Crete, but the Germans, however, dispatch large armed SS detachments there from time to time.

The occupation forces have now been deprived of the possibility of using the roads in the interior, as the guerrillas systematically obstruct communications, between these roads, attacking the occupation transport columns. German and Italian shipments are made now only by sea.

The occupation forces are also deprived of the use of the airdromes in the interior, as their efforts to defend these airdromes against the guerrillas have proved futile. In view of this, the Germans and Italians are building new airdromes on the northern coast, herding together the local population for their construction, including the old people and the children.

The Greeks that have been rounded up for forced labor in Candia—the principal air base of the invaders on Crete—live under incredibly hard conditions. Their daily ration is a plate of soup without bread, and they are beaten for slightest "offense."

In Florina, on the Greek-Yugoslav border, formerly isolated Greek guerrilla detachments have now united into a large force under the command of a Greek officer, Bonapoulos.

This detachment is fighting the invaders in close contact with the Yugoslav patriots and with a group

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## Daly Laughs off Attack on Negro Girl

## Transit Official Condones Subway Beating

By Eugene Gordon

William Jerome Daly, secretary of this city's Board of Transportation and boss of subway policemen, shares something in common with at least one of them.

He has the same I-don't-give-a-damn attitude toward the Negro people as

Subway Cop No. 428. This subway cop on Monday afternoon, witnessed a white, dragged a 14-year-old Negro high school girl by her hair into the men's toilet of the 211th St. subway station. There he beat and choked her.

Daly laughed loudly and cut me off yesterday when I asked him on the phone whether he cared how the Negro people felt.

The phone call was first intended for John H. Delaney, chairman of the Board of Transportation. He was out, so the call was given to the secretary of the Board.

Reporter (having properly introduced himself): Will you tell us, Mr. Daly, what action the Board of Transportation intends to take with the subway policeman who beat—

Daly (cutting in): Those two girls in the subway Monday afternoon? (Sharply) He did nothing of the kind!

Reporter: From 150 to 200 persons witnessed it, and several students voluntarily went to a newspaper and wrote to it.

Daly: Our report states differently. The girl got tangled up in the turnstile and when the policeman went to help her she attacked him.

Reporter: That is what the report says?

Daly: That's what it says. Reporter: Can you let me see that report, Mr. Daly?

Daly: I can but I won't. Reporter: The policeman's number is 428. I'd like to get his name. Daly: Well, I certainly won't give it to you.

Reporter: Then you don't care how the Negro people feel about this—

Daly (loudly): Ha, ha, ha, ha! The telephone clicked.

I have no way of following the devious convolutions of Daly's mind—or the mind of any other Board of Transportation snob. So I don't know what his intent was in telling the Daily Worker that this newspaper could not see the report on Subway Cop No. 428. One fact, however, is clear: the secretary of the city's Board of Transportation was showing his contempt for the whole public as he was showing it for the Negro people.

That report, as are all others of similar nature coming in to that Board, is public property. The public has a right to see it, even if a court order is necessary.

Mr. Daly must know that.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Burnett, who live at 471 W. 143rd St. were bewildered yesterday. They were also blazing mad. They were bewildered that the policeman who dragged their child, a girl, into the men's toilet and beat and choked her, had so far got away with it.

They were blazing mad at the callous brutality of 34th precinct policemen. These officers responded to a call by Harriet Jacobson, a white student among the 150 or more Negro and white who saw No. 428 beating Miss Burnett. The policemen went into the men's toilet, from behind the heavy door of which the crowd could hear the girl screaming.

Mrs. Burnett feels that the full story has not been told of what the subway policeman did to her daughter behind the closed door while students outside clamored for her release. Mrs. Burnett said that Ebbelen complained all evening that her throat hurt "where they choked me."

The anti-Negro daily press, in the meantime, goes its dizzy way with tales of "muggings," not one of these papers having yet mentioned the "mugging" of a Negro high school girl by a subway cop.

Mr. and Mrs. Burnett yesterday found they were not alone. White and Negro groups, including the National Negro Congress, the Young Communist League of City College, the 11th A.D. Communist Party, and men and women of the neighborhood, pledged an organized fight for identification and prosecution of Subway Cop No. 428.

Mr. and Mrs. Burnett accepted an invitation to go to the mass meeting for behalf of George A. Burrows, whom Governor Dewey last week returned to possible lynching in Mississippi.

Running neck and neck with the Buffalo Communists in the 2nd Assembly District in Kings County on the extreme opposite end of the state, the 2nd A.D. won 10 members to the Communist Party last week, making it a figure exactly the same as Buffalo's.

2ND A.D. MANHATTAN

The third area to hit the 50 per cent mark was the 1st-2nd A.D. section in lower Manhattan, which fell back considerably in the race for top honors by recruiting only 3 members last week. This was enough to take it over the half-way hurdle, however, since the section had hit 43 per cent the previous week.

Two outstanding sections last

## Ham Fish Urges U. S. to Loot Allies But Leave Axis Alone

(Special to the Daily Worker)

BOSTON, Mass., March 18.—Rep. Ham Fish, who visited leading Nazi officials in Germany and urged that the world view their claims sympathetically, proposed here today that the United States begin to make territorial demands on our British ally, but warned that neither Germany nor Italy nor Japan should be compelled to give up any territory.

Fish's friendship for the Nazis and their ideas led him to associate with agents of the Axis (his secretary was jailed for perjury in connection with such associations).

His belligerent demand therefore that the United Nations must not touch "one foot of territory" of the Axis powers is no surprise, since he thus makes it appear as if the Axis is the victim of United Nations designs instead of the world being the victim of the Axis.

Fish further argued for the Axis by insisting that "if land is taken from the losing Axis countries it might be the basis of another world war." It is Goebbels' propaganda machine in Berlin which constantly argues that the world wants to "take land" from the poor innocent Nazis who have meanwhile overrun all of Europe.

At the same time that Fish urged a hostile attitude toward our allies and a friendly one toward the Axis, he also launched a bid for political power in the 1944 Presidential elections. He proposed an Anti-New Deal American Coalition with Bricker of Ohio and Wheeler of Montana as president and Vice-president. Fish also tried to cover his Quilting platform with the name of General MacArthur, urging that the General be nominated for President together with James A. Farley.

Fish has never told America what he thinks of General MacArthur's glowing praise of the Red Army and the Soviet Union as the defender of world civilization against fascist barbarism. MacArthur has denounced all MacArthur-for-president moves as not having his approval.

WASHINGTON, March 18 (UP).—Price Administrator Prentiss M. Broome will put farm families "on their honor" not to eat more meat, butter and cheese than other Americans when rationing starts next month, it was learned today.

The Office of Price Administration will urge farmers to market all their rationed produce and retain for themselves only an amount equivalent to what they would be able to buy with war ration book No. 2. They also will be asked not to use the full number of red coupons in the ration book which will be valid for meat, butter, cheese, cooking fats and oils.

OPA officials said the appeal would be put on a voluntary basis and that Brown does not plan to use police enforcement measures.

With farm families accounting for approximately 24,000,000 persons, officials admitted failure of this honor program could result in a serious loophole in the entire rationing system. If every member of a farm family ate, for example, two ounces of butter a week more than the average ration of four ounces, the loss to the nation, officials estimated, would run to at least 168,000,000 pounds a year. Similarly, an extra half-pound of meat a week over the ration of two and one-quarter pounds would, it was estimated, mean consumption of an extra 624,000,000 pounds of meat annually.

By Mac Gordon

With one week to go to the half-way mark in the recruiting drive of the New York State organization of the Communist Party, three sections in the state have topped the 50 per cent mark, figures released by the State Committee show.

The figures are for the week ending March 13. They show that the state has recruited 1,725 members since the drive started on Feb. 12, or slightly more than one-third of the 5,000 set as the goal by May 1. Still outstanding is the work of the Communist organization in Erie County (Buffalo). Eleven workers became members of the Party during the week in this third largest war production center of the nation, making the total recruited 77 since the start of the drive on Feb. 12. This is 61.6 per cent of the 125 members the Erie organization expects to recruit by the close of the drive.

Running neck and neck with the Buffalo Communists in the 2nd Assembly District in Kings County on the extreme opposite end of the state, the 2nd A.D. won 10 members to the Communist Party last week, making it a figure exactly the same as Buffalo's.

2ND A.D. MANHATTAN

The third area to hit the 50 per cent mark was the 1st-2nd A.D. section in lower Manhattan, which fell back considerably in the race for top honors by recruiting only 3 members last week. This was enough to take it over the half-way hurdle, however, since the section had hit 43 per cent the previous week.

Two outstanding sections last

week were the Syracuse organization, which broke into the recruiting columns for the first time with 12 members, and the Food Workers section, which gained 34 new members. Both sections are now just under the 50 per cent mark as a result of last week's gains.

A striking fact about the recruiting figures last week is the close correlation that exists between recruiting and success in getting renews of subscriptions for THE WORKER. In each of the New York counties, the sections that got the best results in recruiting also stood highest on the list in renewals.

HIGHEST FOR THE WEEK

In Manhattan, the section embracing the 7th, 9th and 11th A.D.'s had the highest relative recruiting figure for the week, and the highest renewal figure. In Kings County, the same held true for the section comprising the 9th, 12th and 21st A.D.'s, and in Queens it was the 1st-2nd A.D. that took top honors in both. In the Bronx, the upper and lower 8th A.D. sections did the best relative recruiting and were the banner sections in sub-getting.

Of the industrial sections, there were, besides Food, some headway made in Wholesale and Fur, but the figure for that section is still only 28 per cent. Other industrial groups, such as the important metal section, are still far behind. One group of war workers recruited 9 members at a send-off party for a union leader who is going into the armed forces.

Sections that are lagging badly are the lower East Side districts, Washington Heights and Yorkville

## City Council Gets Child Care Plea

Seventy-five women—leaders of parents' and mothers' organizations and trade unions—jammed the City Council chamber yesterday to hear Councilman Samuel DiFalco, Manhattan Democrat, ask favorable action from the committee on city affairs on his resolution asking the city to continue operation of 28 WPA child nurseries ordered closed on March 31.

The committee also had before it a resolution by Councilwoman Rita Casey, Brooklyn Democrat, requesting the Board of Estimate to supply funds for continuance of the nurseries. She suggested that the funds be allocated by the Mayor's Committee for Wartime Care of Children.

Councilman DiFalco told the committee 1200 children were cared for in the WPA nurseries. "We are primarily responsible for the care of these children," he said. He had studied the law in relation to the nurseries and learned that the Department of Welfare has authority to operate nurseries but so far has not acted under that authority.

DiFalco revealed that the total operating cost of the 28 nurseries is \$209,000 a year and added: "I don't care what it costs. We must take care of these children. And the need for nursery schools will grow during this war."

Helen Harris, chairman of the Mayor's committee, stated the committee had been exploring means to keep the schools open.

Dr. Alice V. Kellner, secretary of the Mayor's Committee, said the state funds would be available, but suggested that any legislation should make it clear the nurseries were for the exclusive use of working mothers.

The committee took the resolution under consideration in executive session.

## Rationing Column: Reminders:

Meat, cheese, butter and canned fish will be rationed starting March 20. Red stamps from War Ration Book Two will be used and 16 points have been allotted for each of the first four weeks. Points left over from one week may be used the next. The grocer and butcher will be allowed to make "change" with one-point stamps. Not rationed are poultry and game, fresh and frozen fish, soft and perishable cheeses, olive oil.

## DeGaulle Meeting With Giraud Near

LONDON, March 18 (UP).—Gen. Charles DeGaulle, Fighting French leader, plans to leave for Africa to confer with Gen. Henri Honoré Giraud as soon as his liaison officer, Gen. Georges Catroux, arrives in Algiers, it was understood tonight.

Catroux has been in Syria since his last conference at Algiers, but it was believed he would arrive in Algiers soon and that DeGaulle would follow him promptly.

Radio Algiers, broadcasting tonight to France, commented regarding Giraud's repeal of Vichy decrees:

"Soldiers of North Africa, vanguard of the Republican Army which from now on will be under the command of Gen. Giraud and Gen. DeGaulle, is fighting for your deliverance."

The linking of DeGaulle's name with Giraud's, by a Giraudist station, was taken here to be another encouraging sign of the hope of unity.

## THE BEAUTY OF WAR WORK!



Among the many contributions to the national war effort made by women in war work is the boosting of workers' morale by Kerstin Nystrom, pictured above, whose stories of labor activities in Gary, Ind., are a weekly feature of the Labor Beacon, official publication of the American Federation of Labor newspaper for Northern Indiana and Calumet industrial region. Miss Nystrom takes much of her material from the 14 locals in the Gary Building Trades Council, in whose office she is employed. Miss Nystrom's father is a steel worker.

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## Over The News Wires

**Tunas for War**  
AUGUSTA, Me., March 18 (UP).—The famed Bailey Island Tuna Tournament will lend a hand in the war effort this year.

The tournament will be held late in July as usual with anglers seeking to land as many tuna as possible for sale to commercial dealers in an effort to alleviate the food shortage.

**No E's for Absentees**  
WASHINGTON, March 18 (UP).—The Navy Department said today that Army-Navy "E" awards will be withheld henceforth from war plants whose employment records show "excessive absenteeism."

"Navy production experts have been cognizant of serious cases of absenteeism in many sections of the country even before the start of the war," the Navy said, "and have been trying to combat the problem in various ways."

"War-time conditions have caused some plants to suffer absenteeism as great as 15 per cent, considerably greater than the normal peacetime average."

For this reason, the Navy decided that "excessive absenteeism among organizations producing war materials would disqualify them in securing the 'E' award or a renewal of it."

**Emmons Awarded**  
WASHINGTON, March 18 (UP).—The Distinguished Flying Cross has been awarded to Lieut. Gen. Delos C. Emmons, commander of Hawaii, "for extraordinary achievement while participating in aerial flight" designed to further the development of the Army air forces, the War Department announced today.

Emmons was cited for engaging in "almost continuous aerial missions involving long over-water flights, many of which were accomplished in the face of considerable personal hazard because of adverse weather conditions and a minimum of navigation aids."

**Quinine Canvas**  
HARTFORD, Conn., March 18 (UP).—Police visited every drug store in Hartford County today to obtain quinine contributions.

The quinine will be sent to a national pool formed in Washington, D. C., to relieve a shortage of the tonic, which is vital to troops in tropical service.

**Promote 9 Lt. Colonels**  
WASHINGTON, March 18 (UP).—Marine Corps headquarters today announced the promotion of nine lieutenant colonels to the rank of colonel.

**Women Doctors in Army**  
WASHINGTON, March 18 (UP).—A House Military Affairs Subcommittee today approved legislation authorizing the appointment of women doctors and surgeons in the regular medical corps of the Army and Navy.

Action came after Brig. Gen. L. B. McFate, Assistant Surgeon General, had testified that the War Department would offer no opposition to the bill. He said the department had felt that a bill including the VAACS in the regular army, recently approved by the full committee, provided for commissioning of women doctors.

The bill provides that women doctors in the armed forces may be sent anywhere, but General McFate told reporters that the Army would assign them principally to zones of the interior and hospitals where the bulk of patients were women.

**Building New Plane**  
WASHINGTON, March 18 (UP).—Henry J. Kaiser, West Coast ship-builder, has gone into production of a new kind of dual-purpose aircraft carrier which he expects to deliver at the rate of six a month by the end of this year, it was revealed today.

The ships are designed to serve as airplane transports as well as carriers for naval duty. The first one will be launched about April 8 and will be sponsored by Mrs. Roosevelt.

The carrier-plane transports are being built in a 12-way yard at Vancouver, B. C. They have a waterline length of 487 feet with a light draft of 314 feet.

**Relax Restrictions On Shoe Rations**

WASHINGTON, March 18 (UP).—Shoe rationing restrictions were relaxed today to permit the purchasing of certain additional types of shoes without stamp 17.

Shoes now requiring no stamps are:

1. "Safety" shoes (those used for health protection in special work) may be acquired through local ration boards by any person who has spent his stamps.

2. All sandals with open back and heels of less than 1½ inches may be sold ration-free. (Previously only sandals with uppers made of fabric, imitation leather, etc., were ration-free.)

3. Certain shoes with soles made principally of rope, wood, or other non-strategic materials.

## Text of London Times Editorial On Anglo-Soviet Cooperation

In the light of the British foreign minister, Anthony Eden's visit, and the discussion on American relations with the USSR, we reprint from the N. Y. Times the editorial of the London Times for March 10 on Britain's attitude toward collaboration with the USSR.

Yesterday's Daily Worker, reprinted an editorial from the N. Y. Herald Tribune, in which the Tribune alleged that British censorship had kept the London Times editorial from the American public. This is apparently untrue; the Tribune corrected itself yesterday, and we pass this on to our readers to keep the record straight.

### SECURITY IN EUROPE

Two lessons are to be drawn from the historical analysis of British policy in Europe which appears on this page this morning. The first is the familiar one that "splendid isolation" has ceased to be a safe, practicable policy for Great Britain now that the Nineteenth Century balance of power within the continent itself has been destroyed—and to all seeming, irrevocably destroyed—by the inexorable march of military and economic development toward larger and more complex forms of organization.

The second and less familiar lesson relates specifically to Russia and is two-sided. In the first place, Russia's attempts to isolate herself from the troubles of the European Continent—the last made as recently as 1919—have proved as futile and as disastrous as similar attempts by Britain. Secondly, Britain has the same interest as Russia herself in active and effective Russian participation in continental affairs; for there can be no security in Western Europe unless there also is security in Eastern Europe and security in Eastern Europe is unattainable unless it is buttressed by military power of Russia.

### CONTINUOUS VIGILANCE STRESSED

The security of Europe cannot be achieved by any single stroke, however overwhelming. The proposition that it is impossible to exterminate the German people or destroy the German State has behind it the authority of Stalin himself. The realization of security will depend on the joint and continuous vigilance of Britain and Russia. If either one of them remains aloof or reverts to policies of isolation the domination of Europe by Germany becomes once more inevitable.

A case so clear and cogent for close cooperation between Britain and Russia after the war cannot fail to carry conviction to any open and impartial mind. Yet its impact has undoubtedly been retarded and weakened on both sides by the prejudices left by recent history. To ignore them or to pretend that they do not exist is to render a poor service to the Anglo-Russian friendship. There is a small minority of people in this country who, under the influence of the thought of playing into Hitler's hands, are still impressed by the Bolshevik bogey, just as there probably is a small minority of Russians who still believe that British capitalism is a standing menace to Soviet Russia.

The chances of making mischief have been swollen by the official hesitations of both Britain and America to recognize that Russia will, at the moment of victory so largely due to her outstanding effort, enjoy the same right as her allies to judge for herself of the conditions which she deems necessary for the security of her frontiers.

**RUSSIAN APPREHENSIONS**  
A study of historical background serves to illuminate the character of Russian apprehension and to make these apprehensions comprehensible to her allies. Russia as well as Germany was excluded from the last peace settlement, and the corollary was an attempt to build up security to the east of Germany on a basis of combinations of minor States under the aegis of Western powers. Excuses can be found for those who committed this cardinal blunder in 1919. There would be no excuse for advocating its repetition today.

The sequel irrefutably proved that the security of that region cannot be assured for any nation by any grouping of minor countries or by support given to any such grouping from the West.

In the words of our correspondent: "No Western power, however great, can safely act on the eastern flank of Germany except in genuine and close understanding with Russia."

The mere threat of intervention there by the Western powers produced the Rapallo treaty of 1922, just as the Franco-British understanding to Poland, given independently of Russia in April, 1939, led to the German-Russian agreement in August of that fatal year.

It would be inexcusable—and in the long run suicidal—if British and American statesmen, failed to read the lesson which these facts convey.

To suppose that Britain and the United States, with the aid of some lesser European powers, could maintain permanent security in Europe

through a policy which alienated Russia and induced her to disinterest herself in continental affairs would be sheer madness.

### ESSENTIAL BRITISH TASKS

These considerations point to two essential tasks which must engage British diplomacy presently. The first is to develop the spirit of growing confidence in the relations between Britain and Russia. The success of this task will no doubt depend as much on military achievement as on diplomatic skill. But it will in no circumstances be complete or lasting unless ungrudging and unqualified agreements are attained between the two countries on future conditions of security in Europe.

Four great powers, as Mr. Eden said in his speech last December, will have "a virtual monopoly of armed strength" when the war ends; and this armed strength "must be used in the name of the United Nations to prevent a repetition of aggression." Of these four powers only two are situated on the confines of Europe; and oh these two rests the preeminent responsibility for European security. This is the sense and significance of the Eden-Molotov treaty of May 1st. If Britain's frontier is on the Rhine it might just as pertinently be said—though it has not in fact been said—that Russia's frontier is on the Oder, and in the same sense.

This does not mean that Russia, any more than Britain, desires to assail the independence of other countries or to control their domestic affairs. On the contrary, it must stand to reason that Russian security will be best served by an understanding with peoples who have themselves good cause to look to Russia for security against any repetition of the grim experience of Nazi domination and whose relations with the Soviet Union are founded upon a solid basis of contentment and good-will.

### SOLE INTEREST OF SOVIET

The sole interest of Russia is to assure herself that her outer defenses are in sure hands; and this interest will be best served if the lands between her frontiers and those of Germany are held by governments and peoples friendly to herself. That is one condition on which Russia must and will insist. Everything goes to show that she will be in a position after the war to shape a settlement on lines consistent with this conception of what her security demands. But it will make all the difference to the future of Anglo-Russian friendship whether these lines have been freely approved and welcomed by Britain in advance or whether they are grudgingly accepted as a fait accompli after victory is won.

The other task of British foreign policy is to interpret to the United States the common interest of Britain and Russia in European security and in the means of attaining it. Mr. Herbert Morrison (Minister of Home Security) said in his speech that "we may be able to play a part in developing and cementing relations of friendship between our two great Allies—the Russians and the Americans," but this part cannot be passive.

Differences, where they exist, will not be resolved or mitigated by pusillanimity which refuses to make up its mind one way or the other. Vice-President Wallace said bluntly on Monday that another world war is inevitable "unless the Western democracies and Russia come to a satisfactory understanding before the war ends."

### ONLY BASIS FOR SECURITY

Both Britain and America have paid dearly for past indulgence in ignorant and wishful thinking about Europe; and if Britain has paid for it even more dearly than America

in cash and in the humiliations of the pre-war years and in the disasters of the war—this priority gives her both the duty and the right to speak out freely against the repetition of these errors.

The issue of security in Europe will not be settled by the enunciation of general principles; it will not be settled by the acceptance of hypothetical obligations or by the establishment of loose machinery of consultation or cooperation; it will not be settled by any organization based on the conception of national independence which entails the partition of Europe among twenty separate and jarring military and economic sovereignties.

It will be settled only if those who possess military and economic power on the largest scale, and are prepared to exercise it within the confines of Europe, organize that power in common for the fulfillment of common purposes for the benefit of all.

Russia's military achievements in the war have shown conclusively that such an organization cannot exist for a moment without her, and those concerned for future security in Europe, both great and small, have an imperative need of her. This is the message of the events of the past eighteen months in Europe. It must be a decisive factor in shaping future British policy on the Continent, and one main concern is that British statesmanship must be reinforced by the efforts of American leaders to promote American understanding and appreciation of it.

## Md. CIO Hails FDR Post-War Security Plan

(Special to the Daily Worker)

BALTIMORE, March 18.—Enthusiastic welcome by the State and City CIO Industrial Union Councils was accorded President Roosevelt's post-war security plans this week. A wire by the State Council to the Maryland Congressmen, urging their support, said in part:

"Providing economic security for all Americans struggling to win this war on the battle and home-fronts is one of the most important win-the-war measures. We must plan now to abolish want and insecurity and build for a full life, with health, education and decent living conditions for all."

The Baltimore Industrial Union Council, in addition to urging that the National Resources Planning Board be given more funds to continue its work, asked President Roosevelt to clear up the War Labor Board wage confusion and set aside the out-dated "Little Steel" formula for determining wage increases. The Council pointed out that such a rigid application of the wage formula, in the face of rising living costs, left the way open for such disrupters as John L. Lewis, whose actions seem to indicate that he would not be sorry to see the President's seven-point program scrapped.

### Pre-Grad. Girls May Enroll In WAVES

Enrollment of college women in their senior year as officer candidates in the WAVES and SPARS, to be called to training after graduation, will get under way shortly in the Third Naval District as part of a national program, the Third Naval District Headquarters announced today.

Doctors and nurses in China's vast northern territory, surrounded on three sides by Japanese armies, have been forced by necessity to become farmers.

Because of a crucial shortage of drugs such as bella donna, digitalis, codein and morphine, Chinese physicians and surgeons looking after ill and wounded guerrilla soldiers are now attempting to cultivate plants producing the drugs. China Aid Council, a participating agency of United China Relief, announces that Mme. Sun Yat-sen, who sponsors medical aid to guerrilla fighters and their children in the northwest has just called an urgent appeal for information on the cultivation of the purple foxglove, whose leaves provide digitalis, and on the cultivation of the deadly nightshade plant, whose leaves produce bella donna.

Mme. Sun, who is the widow of the founder of the Chinese Republic, writes that codein and morphine, so necessary on the battle-front, are now being extracted in small quantities from opium.

Blocked on three sides by Japanese armies, this northwest area had not received outside medical aid for two years until recently, when four truckloads of medical supplies were sent through from Free China. In the past five and a half years, medical treatment of the thousands of Chinese guerrilla

## 31 Women Join Party at Rally

Top so far in the campaign this month to recruit women into the Communist Party was a gathering of industrial and warehouse workers Wednesday night, at 40 E. 7th St., Manhattan, at which Elizabeth Gurley Flynn signed up 31 new Communists.

Miss Flynn hopes to do it again tomorrow afternoon, at another International Woman's Day celebration to be held in the 8th A.D. of the Bronx, in the Moshulu Victory Center, 3092 Hull Ave. The Moshulu Center is leading thus far in the Bronx recruiting drive.

Tomorrow night, Mother Ella Reeve Bloor will address a similar gathering in the 4th A.D., on the Lower East Side. On Sunday afternoon, she is scheduled to appear again in the Bronx, the 7th A.D., at 868 E. 180th St.

Miss Flynn will speak Sunday afternoon before Communist women and their recruits in the 3rd, 4th and 5th A.D. of the Bronx, at Grand Plaza, 821 E. 160th St.

## Eastman OK's Transit Plan By Cacchione

(Continued from Page 1)

effectiveness of existing transit facilities of a community cannot be overemphasized. The recognition given this fact by your resolution is gratifying, and it is my request and hope that the weight of the council be put behind Mr. Sheehy and his program of staggered work hours.

But the weight of the Council—at least its Democratic majority—was directed toward shelving the Cacchione resolution.

"If the Mayor and the Department of Commerce cannot bring about a solution," asked Cohen, "how can we do it?"

"Why pass the buck to the City Council?" asked Digiovanna dodging legislative responsibility. "Let the City War Council do it."

"But," argued Cacchione, "the War Council doesn't function." Digiovanna stated he had received only two letters requesting a hearing on the transit resolution (No. 203) since it was introduced Jan. 19. He ordered it laid over without action.

## Mother Talks It Over

A DIALOGUE ON THE TOPIC OF "WOMEN and INSURANCE"

By HERMAN A. SELIGSON, Director, Life Insurance Service Bureau

WIFE: Mrs. Brown visited me this morning. She asked me to join the IWO. I told her that I would talk it over with you. Frankly, I think I ought to join.

HUSBAND: I've heard about the organization. It's a fraternal benefit society. Why should you join?

WIFE: Well, for one thing, I want to take out \$1,000 of life insurance. The insurance will cost me only 80 cents a month.

HUSBAND: The insurance is cheap enough, but you don't need any insurance.

WIFE: Why not? Mrs. Brown has a thousand dollar policy.

HUSBAND: Mrs. Brown's case is different. She goes out to work. Her pay envelope contributes to the family budget. If she were to die her pay would stop. Mr. Brown would have a tough time taking care of their two children. Her \$1,000 policy would be a great help while the Brown family would be adjusting itself to the new situation. But you, you don't go out to work. You're a housewife.

WIFE: Yes, I work plenty hard, too.

HUSBAND: Dear, I'm not minimizing your work. I know that you work hard.

WIFE: Do you remember Mrs. Smith who worked for us last year?

HUSBAND: Indeed I do. She was very nice, a member of the Domestic Workers Union, too.

WIFE: Is there any difference between the work she did and the work I am doing now?

HUSBAND: No, of course not.

WIFE: You did pay Mrs. Smith a salary, didn't you?

HUSBAND: Yes, but...

WIFE: Why did we let Mrs. Smith go?

HUSBAND: You know, my income dropped and we couldn't afford to keep her.

WIFE: Suppose I were to meet sudden death. What would you do?

HUSBAND: What kind of nonsensical talk is that?

## Memo on Child Care--Story Of Soldier's Family at Home

By Ann Rivington

When Governor Dewey and the State War Council brought out a child care program last week that didn't include the children of men in the armed forces whose wives need jobs, maybe they didn't know about Jim Chapell's family.

Just in case they'd like to know about Jim, and about the millions of other fathers who will be carrying guns against the Axis within the next few months, here's the story: Jim Chapell, handsome young Negro hospital worker, joined the Army last April, leaving his blond wife, Janet, and his two babies, little Jimmie and Patricia, in the shabby flat at 288 W. 177th St., Harlem, that they call home. Now he's in camp, down in Kentucky.

He wanted to help win the war for them, so the kids would have a decent, free world to grow up in.

The Daily Worker met Janet and the two babies last night. At our knock, Janet tiptoed to the door—little Jimmie and Patricia had just been tucked in bed—and let us into the bare little top-floor apartment. "There's not much to tell you," said Janet, "except that we need a nursery up here in Morningside Heights awfully bad. It's not just me. There's a whole bunch of us up here that need to work, and a lot working, and there aren't any nurseries. We've held meetings and all of us have signed petitions, but nothing's happened yet."

Janet let us tiptoe into the other room, and look at the two little ones in their cribs—two-and-a-half-year-old Jimmie and dainty Patricia, just 18 months.

"I guess they're pretty cute," said Janet, looking as if she thought them the most beautiful things in the world. "They're sweet, and bright, too. Jimmie's just too smart!"

She came back into the kitchen and sat down again. "I really don't know what I'll do," she said.

Here's how it is: Janet gets the allotment from Jim's pay and relief from the Welfare Department besides, since the allotment isn't nearly enough.

"But the relief's terrible now," said Janet. "If he sent me even a few extra cents, they found out we didn't take it out of my check. And we don't get any food stamps any more, or any clothes. By the time you pay the rent, there's nothing left. And by the time I pay the

## His Pop's in the Army



Here's the picture of little Jimmie Chapell that his soldier father, Jim, carries in the pocket of his army coat. Picture shows Jimmie when he was a year old, not long before big Jim enlisted. His mother, Janet, can't take a job because there's no nursery to leave him and his little sister in. There's got to be child-care for Army wives with children, says Janet, to help win the war.

prices for food now, the kids just don't eat! I'm telling you, when they asked me 39 cents for a pound of string beans the other day, I just about fainted."

"The relief want to close down cases, you know. They keep telling me to go to work and put the children in a nursery. And then the child care officials say, stay on relief, there aren't any nurseries." What Janet Chapell wants is a job. And child care.

"Women have got to go to work, if we're to win the war," she said. "And I'm perfectly willing to, if I can find an adequate place to leave the children—not just any old place, but a well-equipped nursery. We Army wives with children can't get along on allotments and relief." She paused and looked thoughtful. "I guess Jim's worried about me, too. If he knew we were financially all right, he'd be able to do a better job at the war."

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# Absenteeism Declining, Journal of Commerce Shows Why

A sharp drop in absenteeism as a result of practical methods to meet its causes, was revealed yesterday by the Journal of Commerce on the basis of studies of Washington investigators.

At the same time the paper's Washington Bureau describes the government's plan now in the making, to launch a nation-wide drive to meet the problems of absenteeism, with wage incentives as one of the suggestions.

The joint management-labor committees in some 2,000 plants are to be an important instrument in the effort, with the "irreducible two per cent minimum" in absenteeism, the objective.

The Journal observes that while publicity on the absentee problem so prominent recently, may have had "some part" in the decline, "the real reason back of the steady diminishment of preventable absenteeism can be traced directly to industry's own practical methods for combating the problem."

## BLOW TO PHONY BILL

The findings of the Journal of Commerce, a paper of business, is seen as a severe blow against the promoters of legislation to use the draft as a weapon against absentees.

The "interchange of successful plans between plants" on ways to meet the problem is now showing results.

The report in the Journal reveals that airplane factories on the West Coast show that in one instance the rate of absenteeism dropped from 4.1 per cent to 4.1 per cent in a single month, in another from 4.1 per cent to 3.5 per cent. An Eastern war industry shows that its absenteeism is down to 3 per cent which is close to the irreducible level. The Stewart Warner Corp. shows a drop from 15 per cent eight months ago to 4.5 per cent today. One company from Indiana reports that absenteeism is practically unknown in its plant. Similar results are reported from Grumman and Fleetwings, Inc.

The government's campaign on absenteeism, according to the Journal, will be under the joint direction of the Labor Production Division of the War Production Board and War Manpower Commission. A suggestion book is to be printed.

"Proposed," says the Journal, "will be in plant activities, including management-labor committee work and definite incentive and morale building programs for management."

"Conspicuously absent will be dramatic appeals to patriotism. Monetary gains will be offered, competition between plants and departments will be fostered. Movies and talks will be given to show war products made in plants as they appear in action. In addition, the plan envisages a long list of comfort and convenience aids for workers."

"Communities will be asked to readjust, through formation of community working committees, such factors as retail shopping hours, doctors' visiting hours, and ration board hours. Serving as a clearing house to establish informational activities of all war agencies interested in production and to maintain a common effort by the agencies, is a production information committee composed of executives in charge of labor-industry information and incentive activities of the Army, Navy, War Relocation Commission, War Manpower Commission, War Production Board and the Office of War Information."

Further details on the proposed plan, indicate that a check is to be made on all in-plant problems. "Community conditions cited for correction include poor or insufficient housing, inadequate transportation, rationing and draft board problems, inconvenient shopping or service facilities, unreliable or non-existent child care and improper health facilities."

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## World War Ace Answers Rickenbacker

(Special to the Daily Worker)

DETROIT, March 18.—A radio broadcast made by Frank X. Marshall, AFL leader here, answering Eddie Rickenbacker, has drawn a cordial endorsement from Lester Bishop, veteran pilot, about to become a captain in the Army Air Corps.

Bishop, who says he has known Rickenbacker for 25 years, says the Eastern Airlines official has been "used as a tool for, and by, the Wall Street crowd for a price."

Bishop challenges Rickenbacker's right to his title as a World War I ace, declaring that: "His 26 air victories were not legal but he got the credit for them."

"The airplanes were shot down, but when the boys in the squadron came in and claimed their victories, Rick would squawk to high heaven that he shot this and that one down," says Bishop.

His letter is published in the union paper of the United Auto Workers local at Kelsey-Hayes.

## Women to Map Fight on Absenteeism

(Special to the Daily Worker)

BALTIMORE, March 18.—Seeking a direct approach to one type of absenteeism in war industries, a Victory Conference on Women in Industry has been called by the Baltimore Industrial Union Council.

The conference will be held at the Amalgamated Hall, 209 West Redwood Street on Sunday, March 28 from 10 A.M. to 4:30 P.M.

"The solution of the many problems which have arisen with the entrance of thousands of new women workers into industry is one of the practical steps which can and must be taken to stop one type of absenteeism," James Drury, president of the Baltimore Industrial Union Council said yesterday.

"Working standards, wage, training, community facilities for child care, housing, rationing, feeding all have an important bearing on the work records of women industrial workers."

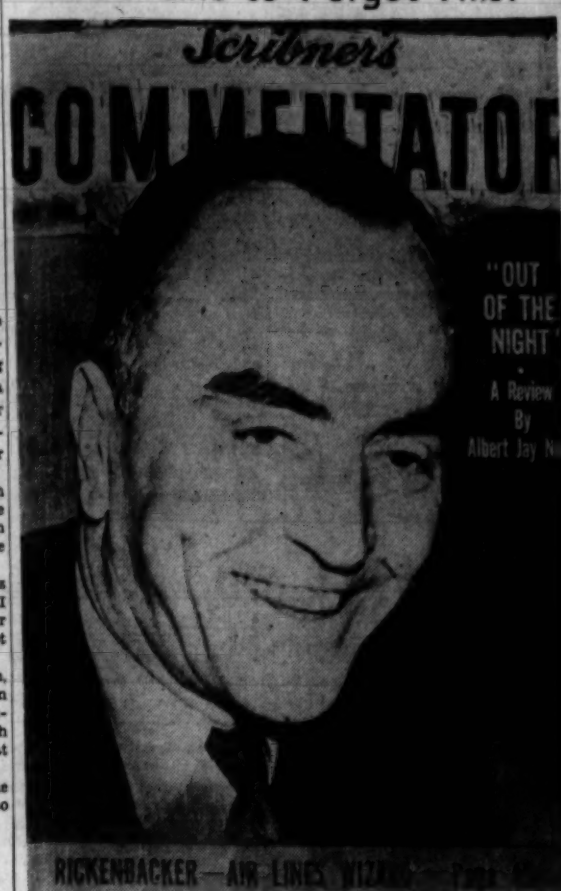
"The very mobilization of more women for industry is a serious problem in the Baltimore area. The conditions under which the women now in industry are working, to a great extent deleteriously affect the further mobilization of women."

"The Office of Defense Health and Welfare Services of the War Manpower Commission has estimated 25,000 as the number of additional women needed in Baltimore's industries during this year. They also estimate that 17,000 children will be in need of community child care facilities when the total number of women in Baltimore industry reaches the 170,000 required to meet production quotas for this area."

"The Baltimore Industrial Union Council is calling this Victory Conference on Women in Industry to discuss all phases of these questions and to work out a program of action. It is our purpose to do our part to insure the fullest mobilization and integration of women into industry and achieve ever greater victories on the Home Production Front."

The Conference Call lists the following Panel Discussions: Women and Production for Victory; Home Problems of the Woman Worker; Mobilizing Women for Industry; Organizing Women and Developing Women Leaders.

## He'd Like to Forget This!



Edward Rickenbacker, America First Committee member and labor-baiter, got the big play in this issue of Scribner's Commentator, pro-fascist magazine, published at Lake Geneva, Wisconsin. A federal Grand Jury listed Scribner's Commentator last year as subversive. One of its editorial board members, Townsend, was sent to the penitentiary as an unregistered Japanese agent. The magazine published translations of Axis broadcasts in its columns. These broadcasts were received on special radio sets installed at Lake Geneva. The article on Rickenbacker, which appears in the issue pictured above, lauds the ex-flier as a "rugged individualist," who opposed "war moves." Rickenbacker served America First in company with ex-flier Lindbergh, the pro-Hitlerite; and ex-flier Ingalls, since imprisoned as an Axis agent.

## Auto Workers to Visit Army Camps

(Special to the Daily Worker)

DETROIT, March 18.—Eddie Rickenbacker, whose main efforts have been directed toward trying to drive a wedge between the armed forces and the production soldiers in America's workshops, can learn a lesson of importance from a project just arranged by the United Auto Workers, CIO.

Three hundred of the union's shop committeemen will spend four days, beginning Sunday as guests of Camp Atterbury, Ind., where, at the invitation of Under Secretary of War Robert P. Patterson they'll share barracks with soldiers and follow the normal routine of their companies.

In every respect, during the four-day stay, they will live the lives of soldiers, eating, sleeping and working with the men in uniform and conforming to military rules.

In extending the invitation to the union, Mr. Patterson pointed out that the Army has often sent groups of officers and enlisted men to visit war plants and meet the men making guns, tanks and planes and that it was felt that further benefits could be obtained by permitting delegations of workers to share the lives of soldiers in training.

All expenses of the visit, including railroad fare and food, will be borne by the union.

The invitation, discussed by the union's international executive board, was unanimously accepted.

"The key war workers from plants under contract with the UAW-CIO will, I am sure, reap great benefit from this trip," R. J. Thomas, UAW president, wrote Mr. Patterson.

"It is our determination to have their experiences with the U. S. Army translated upon their return home into concrete and increased application to the industrial war effort. I am sure this trip will inspire our hundreds of thousands of war workers to greater efforts than ever."

It appears likely that other unions will undertake to initiate similar projects to strengthen ties between organized labor and the armed forces.

**City Will Mark Greek Freedom**

Mayor LaGuardia in an official proclamation yesterday called on the people of New York City to observe Thursday, March 25, as Greek Independence Day.

Hailing the "courageous and valiant fight of the people of Greece to maintain their liberty," the Mayor called on New Yorkers to honor this fight by participating in appropriate ceremonies that have been planned for the day.

## Machinists to Ballot on Quitting AFL

Members of the International Association of Machinists will begin balloting in a referendum starting April 1 on a proposal to withdraw from the American Federation of Labor.

The action comes as a result of the union's failure to obtain a favorable decision at the Toronto convention of the AFL on its 14-year jurisdictional dispute with the International Brotherhood of Carpenters and other AFL affiliates.

The union, claiming a membership of over 600,000, is believed to be the largest international affiliate of the AFL.

The current issue of the Machinists' Monthly Journal publishes the union's circulars on the issues in the controversy which were sent to 32,000 officers and representatives of the AFL throughout the country.

Secretary-Treasurer E. C. Davidson of the I. A. of M. said there "isn't a chance that if the IAM does withdraw it will go into the CIO."

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He stressed, however, that whichever way the referendum goes "we cannot let this situation weaken labor's common fight in the war, our fight to put guns in the hands of our troops and all that goes with them."

In a letter to all lodges, President Harvey W. Brown of the IAM reviewed the controversy charging that the AFL executive council is "completely dominated by and operated in the interest of the Building Trades Department."

"President William Hutchinson of the Carpenters," the letter went on, "is threatening to withdraw the per capita payments of his organization to the AFL if President Green was allowed to tell an employer or a contractor what the jurisdiction of our association was when request was made for such information, has persuaded the council to order President Green not to give such information in behalf of the machinists."

Brown also called attention to the union's jurisdictional conflict with the Amalgamated Association of Street, Electric Railway and Motor Coach Employees.

The Carpenters' Union, according to the machinists, has been violating an old decision by the AFL placing millwright work under IAM jurisdiction. The threat to withdraw per capita by Hutchinson, according to Brown, came when Green informed contractors of the old decision.

Brown is a vice-president of the AFL.

## AFL Challenges Minn. Farm Bloc

ST. PAUL, Minn., March 18 (AP).—The St. Paul Trades and Labor Assembly and the Minnesota Federation of Labor have challenged the sponsors of the so-called hate bill, which would virtually destroy unions in this state, to a series of public debates on the radio.

The challenge was issued formally to the Land O' Lakes Inc., big dairy combine, which has been pushing the bill in the legislature. Organized labor contends that the bill, ostensibly a registration measure, is unconstitutional.

Minnesota already has restrictive anti-labor legislation worse than exists in most states.

## Jacob Lupow, Vet Unionist, To Be Honored Here Tomorrow

Thirty-five years ago, Tsarist terror forced Jacob Lupow, a young worker from Poltava in the Russian Ukraine, into exile.

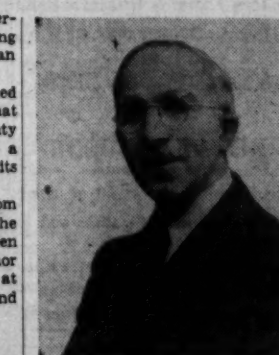
By that fact, the newly-formed Social Democratic Party of that day lost the secretary of a county committee but America gained a loyal and devoted fighter for its trade union movement.

Tomorrow night, workers from many industries but especially the needle trades where he has been active for many years, will honor Lupow at a testimonial dinner at Irving Plaza Hall, Irving Place and 15th St.

**ACTIVE PROGRESSIVE**

Almost from the moment when he landed on American soil, Lupow picked up and renewed his activities in the labor movement. A cutter by trade, he is one of the old-time members of Cutters' Local 4 of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers' Union and the committee arranging tomorrow night's testimonial, headed by William Kaufman, chairman, and H. Morrison, secretary, includes many who came to know and work with him in a variety of union and related activities.

In addition to serving on the union's constitution committee and committee on unemployment, he was active also in the International



JACOB LUPOW

Workers' Order, Icor, Friends of the Lincoln Battalion, the Jewish People's Committee, Russian War Relief and other anti-fascist organizations.

Lupow seems to find time to carry on his working class activities under all circumstances. Friends relate with awe how when poor health compelled him to live out of town for six years, he actually organized commuters in an organization and led a fight to compel bus companies to put in better transportation and cheaper rates. At the same time

## Carpenters Head Here Urges War Job Planning

President Charles Hanson of the New York District Council of Carpenters declared yesterday that top production for the war effort calls for a "planned program to utilize the million building trades mechanics who will be made available this year."

Mr. Hanson, reporting on recent efforts by the building trades unions of New York to solve the unemployment problem jointly with Army and Navy officials, expressed his views in his column in the carpenter edition of the Building Trades Union Press.

"Many hundreds of thousands of these men are already available," wrote Hanson. "Many of them are older men who will not go to the armed forces of our country."

"The members of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and the other trades ask only that they be given a chance to work at their own related craft and turn out the stuff to smash the Axis."

"This serious problem can be solved if our government authorities and agencies realize that it is not only our men who suffer from this enforced idleness but the war effort itself."

"We building trades workers are not asking for charity. We are offering the government professional skills built up through years of training, skills that we want utilized to smash the Axis."

"Better planning of the distribution of contracts and materials and a central authority to coordinate them with the available manpower supply would go a long way towards solving our problem. Our government has been slow in moving in this direction. We must urge more speed."

Mr. Hanson called attention to the government's "economy" policy on many government projects of hiring inexperienced men while skilled men remain idle. The money saved by such practice cannot compensate for the loss of time and inferior quality of work, he pointed out.

Hanson also called attention to the many small shops in the city that are idle, but could be utilized if shipyards gave them work contracting.

## 36 Critical Manpower Areas Named

WASHINGTON, March 18 (UP).—The War Manpower Commission today announced a reshuffle of labor market classifications, bringing the total number of critical manpower shortage areas up to 36 from 32.

Three areas removed from the shortage category and placed in Group II—areas with a current balance of labor supply and demand—were Akron, Ohio; Math, Me., and Portsmouth, N. H.

New areas shifted from Group II to Group I, the shortage category, were: Portland, Me.; Burlington, N. C.; Evansville, Ind.; Gary-Hammond, South Chicago, Ind.-Ill.; Tampa, Fla.; Savannah, Ga., and Wilmington, N. C.

Although the classifications are intended primarily as a guide to procurement agencies in the referral of war contracts, they also are used in determining to which areas the 48-hour week orders of President Roosevelt shall be applied.

### Egg Ceilings:

The best white grade A should be selling for 53 cents a dozen, a penny higher, according to OPA. Report your retailer if he is overcharging.

## Bridgeport Unions Call Community Rally

(Special to the Daily Worker)

BRIDGEPORT, Conn., March 18.—Trade unionists of the heavily industrial East End of Bridgeport will get together with representatives of other community organizations this Sunday in an East Side Home Front Conference "to bind thousands of families on the East Side more closely

to our powerful allies, and by their unity to strengthen the hand and courage of our Commander-in-Chief."

The conference, which will be held in the auditorium of Local 203 of the United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers of America, will be the first community legislative meeting held in this area.

War workers from the General Electric, United Aircraft, Bridgeport Brass, Remington Arms and other plants in Bridgeport producing directly for the fight against the Axis will form the backbone of the meeting.

Aim of the meeting is to mobilize support behind President Roosevelt's policies, fight for extended rationing, price control and child care, obtain job opportunities without discrimination and help organize greater community participation in civilian defense activities. Furthermore, "it is the aim of the conference 'to expose those who viciously or blindly point to appeasement. Here they can outflank the whispering campaigns which aim to modify the ultimatum for 'unconditional surrender' for the enemies of mankind."

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## RWR Names Seed Expert to Board

Election to the Board of Directors of Russian War Relief of Francis C. Stokes, president of Francis C. Stokes and Company, seedsmen of Vincennes, N. J., was announced yesterday by Edward C. Carter, Russian War Relief president.

Mr. Stokes has since last autumn been chairman of the National Vegetable Seed Committee of Russian War Relief. Through his committee, seed dealers and farmers have contributed more than 400,000 pounds of vegetable seeds to the more than 5,000,000 Russian families who have been evacuated from Nazi occupied territory and this year will be largely dependent for food upon individual and community kitchen gardens.

Stokes is a candidate for City Council from the First Baltimore District.

## Strip Kuhn, 10 Bundists Of Citizenship

(By United Press)

Fritz Kuhn, 47-year-old former leader of the German-American Bund, and ten other ex-Bundists were stripped of their U.S. citizenship yesterday by Federal Judge John Bright who denounced the Bund as an un-American organization "formed for German purposes and controlled in thought and in a large part in action by Germany."

Kuhn, now serving a sentence in New York state prison on a conviction of embezzling Bund funds, and his associates were accused during de-naturalization proceedings before Judge Bright of having mental reservations at the time they swore allegiance to the United States.

Nine other former Bundists tried along with the others were allowed to retain their citizenship.

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## B'klyn Judo Expert Goes Home, Marines Happy

ST. THOMAS, Virgin Islands, March 18.—When Marines here heard that Corp. Alfonso La Porta, USMC, was scheduled for transfer to the United States after more than two years of foreign duty, they were almost as happy about the change in station as he was.

For Corp. La Porta, who lives at 835 Sackman St., Brooklyn, N. Y., conducted a rather persuasive course on Jui-Jitsu during his off hours for the instruction and delight of his shipmates. His classes, it seems, were packed with sprained leathernecks, who now hope to be just as capable, if not quite so convincing as his rugged predecessor.

Corporal La Porta, son of Mr. and

Mrs. Frank La Porta of the Sackman St. address, was born Jan. 25, 1919. He attended Public School 68 and Vocational High School in Brooklyn, where he was an outstanding athlete.

The corporal was employed as a steel worker until he joined the Marine Corps July 23, 1940. At Parris Island, S. C., for basic training, he was a sharpshooter with the rifle and an expert with the pistol. His grades on the bayonet course were high.

Transferred to Portsmouth, Va., and then to Norfolk, Va., La Porta was assigned in December, 1940, to guard duty at St. Thomas. He made his rating of private first class in August, 1941, and he was promoted to corporal last December.

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# Phillie Owner Replies To D. W. Open Letter

Cox Requests Brief Time to Study DAILY's Suggestion for Negro Aces

By Nat Low

The new owner of the Phils, William C. Cox, has answered the open letter addressed to him which appeared in the Daily Worker some weeks ago and which appealed to Cox to sign Negro stars to his team.

In a friendly letter to the DAILY, Cox, who with eight others, recently purchased the last place Phils from Gerry Nugent and his wife, asks for a little time to study the proposal made by the Daily Worker—a proposal which, if carried through, would, no doubt, make the Phils a possible first division team for the first time in many years.

The Phils are now in training at Hershey, Pa., and are badly set for the coming season. The last act of the Nugents was to trade Nick Etten and pitcher Rube Melton to the Yankees and Dodgers, respectively. These two men were the standouts of the tail-enders last season.

The DAILY WORKER open letter, which appeared on Feb. 25, was read carefully by Cox and his reply came soon after publication in the paper. We withheld printing it some weeks in order to make possible a personal interview with the young Phil boss. That interview has now been fully arranged and will take place at the training camp of the team in Hershey sometime next week.

Here is the text of Mr. Cox's reply to the open letter. It is printed in full.

Dear Mr. Low:

In answer to your open letter printed in the issue of Feb. 25, may I perhaps trespass on your indulgence with the following answer.

During my collegiate days at New York University I ran on the one-mile relay team with two great Negro runners, Philip Edwards and Algernon Williams. For your personal information, I believe Mr. Edwards is the only man ever to place in three consecutive Olympic games. He was, indeed, one of the world's greatest runners. Both of these men were of extremely fine character and very good teammates.

On transferring to Yale, to the best of my memory, there were no Negro athletes during my time. Since 1930 I have followed such stars as Jim Herbert, Johnny Borican, and others. However, I have never seen a baseball game between Negro All-Stars, and since I am very new to the professional game, I wish you would grant me a brief time in which to study your suggestion. After all, I am a partner among eight and a movement such as you suggest, while not new in its import, can hardly gain the speed that you are looking for from me at this time. I should like to find out in the course of time what the answers are to your inquiry.

Thank you so much for your good wishes.

Very truly yours,

Philadelphia National League Club,

(Signed) WILLIAM D. COX, President.

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NEW YORK, FRIDAY, MARCH 19, 1943

Tonight at Garden:

### Pep Has Edge Over Angott

By Phil Gordon

Wee Willie Pep, the original Bouncing Boy, will attempt to put a damper on the comeback plans of ex-lightweight champ Sammy Angott tonight when they tangle at the Garden in a scheduled ten-round bout.

Pep, the featherweight titleholder, will give away eight pounds to Angott—but this isn't expected to be too much of an advantage. Pep has beaten any number of lightweights in amassing his sensational streak of 62 consecutive victories in the ring.

Just a few weeks ago he trimmed handily Alie Stolz who in turn had beaten Angott. So you can see that Pep will know what it's all about when he clambers into the ring this evening. Because of his streak and Angott's six-month layoff—Pep has been made a favorite to cop.

The match brings Angott back to the ring after an absence of close to six months. Late last September he defeated Aldo Spolidi in New Orleans. On Nov. 13 he announced his retirement from the ring and his abdication of the lightweight throne.

But after a few months he changed his mind, decided to resume ring activity, and to open a campaign for a meeting with Beau Jack, current lightweight titleholder. Angott had been handicapped by hand injuries but the layoff gave the injuries a chance to heal. He kept himself in good physical condition by working out with and teaching boxing to Army officers stationed at Washington and Jefferson University in his home town.

### Tourney Story In Tomorrow's Daily Worker

This edition of the Daily Worker went to press too early last night to get in the account of the basketball doubleheader at the Garden—the first games of the National Invitation Tourney. . . . For complete story, features and interviews, don't fail to read tomorrow's paper.

### Dodgers Look Good But for Two Spots in Outfield and Infield

(Special to the Daily Worker)

BEAR MOUNTAIN, N. Y., March 18.—The Dodgers were supposed to have been all washed up at the end of last season, but now, with the sting of their defeat at the hands of the Cardinals all but gone from their minds, the Beloved Bums are shaping up as not too bad a ball club. . . .

They seem able to take about 100 games—but only on two conditions.

(1) That they get an infielder who can play shortstop.

(2) That they get a hard hitting outfielder to slightly make up for the loss of Pete Reiser.

If these two men can be gotten the Dodgers will give the Cardinals quite a tussle for the pennant this summer. Their pitching staff as it shapes up here at camp is one of the best in the league. Only Larry French and High Casey are missing from last year's sterling mound corps—but to take their places a few of the younger hurlers are just about ready to blossom into major league stars.

They are Max Macon, Ed Head and Les I. Webber. Added to these three is Frank "Rube" Melton who was swiped from the Phils a few weeks ago.

Together with the old reliable, Whit Wyatt, Kirby Higbe and Curt Davis (who is the first casualty of the camp with a busted finger) this adds up to quite a pitching staff.

But the infield and outfield problems are pressing indeed. Leo Durocher talks with tongue in cheek about playing short this summer. The glibby plot is kidding no one when he says he will play the whole season. If he lasted three weeks it would be no small miracle—let alone three months or the whole season.

So the Dodgers are really up against it in the infield. Where they will get one no one up here knows—but the answer of course is not very difficult to find.

The answer is the immediate signing of Willie Wells, the greatest shortstop ever developed in Negro baseball and last year star of the Newark Eagles of the Negro National League.

Wells is the ideal man for the Dodger job. A veteran, he is a sensational fielder and a timely, clutch hitter who bats in about 90 runs a year—which is quite a figure for an infielder to knock in.

His addition to the Dodgers would guarantee their staying with the Cardinals all season long.

Without him in the infield the Dodgers stand little chance of making a fight of it.

The same situation holds true for the outfield. There is no one available in the majors today who can replace Pete Reiser's booming bat. But in the Negro Leagues there are no less than eight men who could easily win a berth with the Dodgers. They include, among others, Sammy Bankhead of the Homestead Grays, Ted Strong of the Kansas City Monarchs and Bill Wright of the Baltimore Elite Giants. . . .

Yes, the solution is comparatively simple. All that is needed is the application of a basic amount of democracy to the game. . . . Here's what you can do. Write to Leo Durocher and Branch Rickey at the Dodger training camp.



ARKIE VAUGHAN will be on third but who will play short?

### Training Camp News

Luke Sewell, maestro of the St. Louis Browns, was voted the major league manager with the least to worry about this season, but already he has come up with a king-size headache. It seems that only 19 of a roster of 36 players have showed up at the Cape Girardeau (Mo.) training base. Among the reasons for the absenteeism are cows, refreshing originality and uncertain draft status. For instance Harland Cliff, the flashy third baseman, informs Sewell that he can't find anybody to tend his herd of 175 cattle at Selah, Wash., and Pitcher Paul Dean is lingering in Holdenville, Ark. to get the cows and things set for the summer. Young Bill Seimsoth wired Luke that he felt he could get into condition by himself out on the West Coast.

The Tigers have come up with the inevitable rookie sensation in Joe Hoover, from the Hollywood club. The high-priced recruit shortstop belted several pitches out of the Detroit training park at Evansville, Ind., as Hal Newhouse, Tommy Bridges and Virgil Trucks served them up.

The Pirates arrived in the Muncie (Ind.) camp and were set for their first drill today. Max Butcher, the reluctant pitcher, conferred with President Bill Benswanger at Pittsburgh, but no agreement was reached. . . . Chief Petty Officer Harold Knight, who drills the naval reservists at Tufts College, where the Red Sox are training, kindly consented to direct Cronin's men in some snappy calisthenics. The aching Red Soxers now wish he would kindly stay home in the future. . . . The Cardinals have adopted a schedule of two short drills a day since Bill Southworth noticed they were lagging a bit after one long session.

### Negro Cage Team Faces Met College All-Stars

Virginia Union University of Richmond, Va., Negro Association Champs, hopes to even the count against the Metropolitan College All Stars when they meet in their second annual charity basketball game at Harlem's Renaissance Casino Friday night (tonight).

Should any of the tournament teams be eliminated in the first round, Coach Honey Russell has asked the feature players to join with Bob Wanzer (Seton Hall) Artie Gurlein and Fred Lewis (LIU) Shinkarik (CCNY) et al of the Mets.

## LOW DOWN -

Pep to Take Angott and Some Other Bits from Here and There

NAT LOW

We haven't been able to get very excited over tonight's fight at the Garden between Willie Pep and ex-lightweight champ, Sammy Angott. Not out of any disrespect for their abilities, but rather because there is little hope of any dynamite action. And that is what we like in prizefights. We favor the guy who can hit and hit hard and often.

Willie Pep is a wonderful little fighter and can thrill most any fight crowd. But Sammy Angott is the "clutch" type, the kind of fighter who gets in close, ties up your right hand under his armpit and then proceeds to give you the "business." . . .

This wins fights, no doubt, but it makes for very little excitement and momentous rounds. Sammy has fought some of the dullest fights the Garden has seen in recent years and will be even less thrilling tonight after his long eight-month layoff from the ring.

Pep is best against a puncher who he can jab and tie into knots—a million ways. But against a plodder like Angott, the best he will be able to do is to win by pecking away at Sammy and attempt to prevent clinches.

Pep is a favorite to win, and should win, but we aren't going to sell Angott too short. After all, he was the champ of the world. He is a veteran who knows all the answers and then some, and if his long layoff has not dulled his reflexes too much, he should make things hard for Willie all night.

But in the end the strain will tell. It will be youth against age, and you know the answer to that one as well as I do. . . .

### Some Quick Snapshots

Barney Ross is getting over his malaria relapse and will be up and about in a very short time. His planned speaking tour in war factories may be postponed for a while in order to guarantee against a further illness. . . . Ross is having his pretty wife substitute for him at a number of places and Mrs. Ross has done a magnificent job of it. . . .

The baseball season officially comes only when our office is flooded with the rosters of the major league clubs. In recent days we have gotten all sorts and manners of brochures, from the scanty and cheap thing of the Philadelphia A's, to the usually extravagant one of the Cincinnati Reds, all resplendent in red and blue. . . .

Corp. Lester Rodney of the United States Army medical corps—former sports editor of the Daily Worker, has been transferred from Georgia to Colorado. . . . Strange sight . . . Greg Rice dead asleep on a bench underneath the Garden just a few minutes before his two-mile race at the K. of C. meet last Saturday. . . .

Henry Armstrong is back in the east. The great triple champ is preparing for his fight Monday night in Philly with one Al Tribiani. . . . We will be there for Henry's comeback debut and hope to get our first real line on the magnificent Negro battler since he started his climb back up the fistic ladder. . . .

The YC bowling tourney will go into its final leg next week at the Bowmore Alleys. The fightingest youth organization in the land calls the tourney one of the best it has ever held. . . .

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### Name New Soviet Air Marshall

(By United Press)

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WHAT'S ON

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Victory Cultural Center of YCL, 8:30 P.M. COME SEE BROOKLYN YCL act against the Axis. Drama. Contest. Wm. Blake, author, will judge best play. Dancing afterwards. Kristine's Youth Club, 80 Church Ave. Bklyn. A.S.P. South Bklyn. YCL, 8:45 P.M.

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### Air Battles Raging in Donets Zone

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made it plain that the great battle southeast of Kharkov had now reached the crisis stage.

Front dispatches said that Red Army counter-attacks had captured several villages and two big enemy strong points on the Kharkov side of the Donets.

The vigor of the Soviet attacks, combined with the unyielding defense of the river line, forced the German command to open what dispatches called a blitz attack by squadron after squadron of dive bombers.

The German planes, Junker-87s and Junker-188s, dived down on the Red Army line along a wide front, trying to wipe out the Soviet bridgeheads and clear the path for the massed German tanks.

Adopting the British tactics in the battle of Britain, dispatches said, the Red Army command met the dive bomber attack with fleets of its fastest pursuit planes and in addition, sent its Stormoviks to dive bomb the Germans.

Moscow dispatches located the village of Skhodny, where capture the Red Army command announced in its Wednesday midday communiqué, at about 35 miles east of Yelnya on the Sukhinichi-Smolensk railroad. Here the Red Army was advancing westward from the Vyazma-Kirov-Bryansk railroad, clearing out the big triangle formed by the Vyazma-Bryansk and Vyazma-Smolensk lines.

The northern wing of the Red Army attack on the Smolensk area was advancing through waist-deep snow in the forests, and mud and slush in open country against Yartsevo.

### French Guiana In Giraud Ranks

LONDON, March 18 (UP).—Radio Algiers reported tonight in a broadcast recorded here that French Guiana, on the northeast coast of South America, had adhered to the regime of Gen. Henri Honoré Giraud, French leader in Africa. The Foreign Office here said it had no details.

### Who said we were soft?

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To the nonferrous miners of America, the Industrial Services Division of the U. S. Army Bureau of Public Relations sent the cartoon-poster pictured above, one of a series designed for the workers who dig copper, lead, zinc, nickel, and molybdenum, vital metals in the war effort.

Picture released by the WFB Labor Press Unit.

### Eden Says Allies In Agreement

WASHINGTON, March 18 (UP).

—British Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden told a Congressional group today that he believed the governments of the four great powers of the Allied nations are in complete harmony on conduct of the war. He expressed the hope that they will be in general agreement on the peace to follow.

Eden met members of the Senate and House Foreign Relations Committees and ranking members of both Houses of Congress at a luncheon and reception.

Chairman Tom Connally, D. Texas, of the Senate Committee, said he believed that Eden's views "were shared by all those present." Connally said Eden talked to the group for about 20 minutes and answered questions frankly.

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## CHANGE THE WORLD

The City That Was  
Rome: Glory Above,  
Decadence Beneath

By MIKE GOLD

Rome was a magnificent city, adorned with the spoils of a hundred lands, swollen with centuries of empire.

It was the wonder of the world, and only pagan moralists and Christian revolutionists detected signs of decadence in Rome.

In its great port of Ostia, grain from Egypt and Carthage was stored in huge buildings. In summer and autumn came ships from all parts of the world, with a dazzling variety of traffic.

Outside the city, on the neighboring hills, were beautiful parks open to the public. From these hills streams poured through underground pipes into the town, where they trickled and danced in fountains or ran like rivulets.

The streets were narrow, and the tall houses buried them in shade. They were lined with marble statues; flowers glittered on roofs and balconies; and venerable trees surrounded the enormous palaces built of green, white and golden-tinted marble.

The Via Sacra was the Fifth Avenue of ancient Rome. It was lined with stalls displaying for sale the silks and spices of the East, the wood of Spain, the glassware of Alexandria, the smoked fish of the Black Sea, the wines of the Greek Isles, Cretan apples, Alpine cheeses, the famed oysters of Britain, and the veined wood of the Atlas mountains.

On that splendid street a hundred languages could be heard at once, and so many tribal costumes were displayed that the street resembled a masquerade ball.

Most of this multitude consisted of the peoples conquered by Rome. Many of the slave nations had even contributed children to be trained as the Roman police and executioners of other conquered peoples.

On the Via Sacra a squadron would pass, perhaps, of the Imperial Guard—flaxen-haired, blue-eyed Germans who rode by ponderously, covered with shining steel.

Then, a procession of pale-faced, shaven Egyptian priests, bearing a statue of Isis, and singing melancholy hymns.

A Greek philosopher would next pass along with downcast eyes and ragged cloak, followed by his bearers a pile of books.

Men from the East might be seen with white turbans and flowing robes, or in sheepskin mantles with high black caps; and perhaps beside them, a tattooed and hairy British barbarian, gazing at the shops.

Feddlers moved about, offering matches in exchange for broken glass; country people passed toward the market driving mules loaded with huge baskets of grapes, figs and oranges; the cookshop owners yelled their wares, including hot dogs, boiled peas and honey wine; and elegant pickpockets whose fingers glittered with rings jostled their way through the bright-eyed, dark-haired lively Roman mobs.

A sunny day in crowded imperialistic Rome left the same impression of immortality upon its proud citizens as undoubtedly, a day on our Fifth Avenue leaves its mark upon the smug and contented visages of our well-fed, well-housed and well-clothed New Yorkers.

As night came on, travelling carriages rattled toward the gates of the city, and carts loaded with human dung, the city's only export. Serenades filled the air, laughter and music from the many taverns. The night watch made its rounds. Householders put up their shutters, to which bells were fastened as burglar alarms.

Crowds of young drunks staggered by, howling and breaking of the marble noses of statues. Dogs prowled in yards, and human heads of prey from the Pontine Marshes provided beside them.

And at such an hour there were men and women who stole forth from their houses. With mantles covering their faces, they hastened to a lonely spot in the suburbs of Rome. Here they entered the mouth of a dark cave which led them through long galleries, damp with odors of death, and ranged for miles with coffins of departed Romans.

These were the rebels and Reds of ancient Rome. These primitive Christians were of every class, both slave and free, and assembled in the Catacombs to give testimony of their faith in a finer, more humane and brotherly life than that tangle of moral filth, treason, lust and money-grabbing which passed for respectability in decadent Rome.

The Christians were never free from the most horrible slanders and provocations. When there broke out a fire, a plague or a war in Rome, it was always blamed on the "atheist" Christian sect. They were jailed, tortured and thrown to the lions. There was no justice for them. They were the hunted. Yet the sins of Rome were not cured by this innocent blood of Christians. Any more than the crimes and blunders of capitalism can be cured by framing up labor leaders and persecuting Communists. The lesson of dying Rome has still to be studied and learned by our Biddies, Dubinskys and Hearsts.

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## BOY!—A Short Story

By A. Dell

It actually had worked out. My husband's business trip; railroad reservations; Fred's weekend leave. Two full days with the boy. How broad he was in his uniform and how healthy brown. The Georgia sun did that.

I sat sipping my soda at the fountain going over all the fine things he had said. Just the memory of them made me tingle.

"Don't worry Mom. I'll come back all right. But even if I don't it'll be worth it. It's a privilege to fight for Democracy, Mom. I'm not being romantic, I mean it. Freedom—real freedom! For everybody, Mom, everybody!"

I was proud and happy and a little afraid.

"I'm glad he's down here," my husband was saying, "and not in one of those freezing places up north. Beautiful country this."

"And unbelievable weather. People back home are shivering with cold right now."

"And charming people. So easy going. No rushing about. Soft and smooth. Even their voices. Just listen to that wonderful drawl..."

Two nice clean-cut boys had taken seats next to ours and were addressing the attractive blonde behind the fountain. Their voices were soft and sweet, with almost the lilt of a lullaby. They were well-dressed. Students, was my guess. They reminded me of my Fred.

"And make it sweet," one was saying.

"Yesir," the girl answered brightly.

"Speaking of sweet," said the other lad, "you're pretty sweet yourself. What do you do with your sweetness when you finish work?"

"I'm waiting for your order, sir," said the girl, pretending not to have heard.

"What time do you quit?" the lad had the persistence of youth.

"I have other customers waiting," she was cool but polite. "May I have your order please?"

"Aw listen, sweetness—"

But she didn't. She turned on her heel and marched away to another group of customers.

Was His Face Red

The young man was chagrined, and noticing that I had overheard the conversation, felt even worse.

"Uppity dame," he said.

I felt sorry for him. Being publicly snubbed can make a young man feel pretty bad. I couldn't help liking him—his voice was so beautiful.

"She may be afraid that you're spotters," I volunteered. "You know stores like this send men around to report on how the girls act. They might lose their jobs if they flirted with the customers."

"Oh, so that's it!"

He felt better right off. He poked his friend. "Hear that, Larry? It's not that she doesn't like us. She's afraid we might be spotters."

A male soda clerk took their orders and delivered their drinks. Larry got a bright idea.

"Say, George," he said, "if they're worried about spotters, we ought to be able to have some fun."

"How?"

"Watch," Larry turned toward a Negro who was washing glasses behind the counter.

"Boy!" he called peremptorily.

"Yesir?" The Negro was at least thirty years his senior but he recognized and answered to the "boy."

"Your cap is crooked. Set it straight."

The Negro looked at them suspiciously, but said, "Yesir," and straightened his little white cap.

I felt a little quiver of apprehension. Nice boys like these oughtn't to take advantage of a helpless old man.

George caught on to the idea quickly and decided to join the fun.

"Is that the cleanest you can get those glasses?" he demanded. "Here, let me have one of them."

Slowly, as though trying to think out his best course of action, the Negro handed over one of the glasses.

George snapped it out of his hand. "Come on, molasses. Give it here."

The voice was still soft but it had an underlying tone of hardness, like the hard seat you can feel through the soft cushion.

The Negro waited, angry, puzzled, worried, while George examined the spotless glass.

"Look here—fingermarks. Do you think white people want to drink out of glasses with N—fingermarks on them? Wash it over."

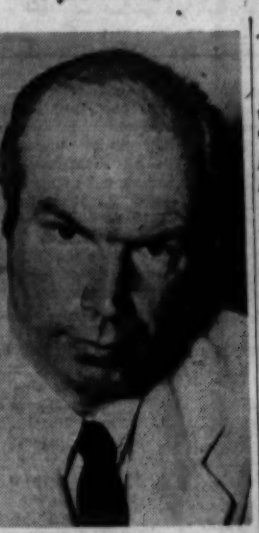
He thrust the glass back into the old man's hand.

"Wash all of them over," commanded Larry. "Imagine N—fingermarks."

I felt a sinking feeling inside me.

Moment Called For Action

The man behind the counter hesitated. For a moment I thought (and hoped) that he might throw the glass into the boy's face. His jaw closed hard, and veins began to stand out on his forehead. His tenseness seemed to fill the store. I felt it; my husband felt it—but



The Story of Dr. Norman Bethune, the great Canadian surgeon who gave his life against fascism in China, will be told over the Cavalcade of America program on Station WEAF next Monday, March 22. Dr. Bethune was one of the heroes of the Spanish struggle against the Axis. He returned to America and Canada he left shortly after for the battlefield, this time in China. He perished there on the line of duty.

If the boys felt it they disregarded it entirely.

"What're you waiting for?" from George. Didn't you hear me?"

"Maybe he doesn't like this job," said Larry.

The Negro remained rigid, looking down into his sink. Then he lifted his head slowly, and looked at the boys.

The boys responded to the challenge of that look.

"Listen, boy," I was amazed at how harsh the soft drawl could sound, "don't start any funny business or I'll mean more than your job!"

"He won't," confidently from Larry. "He doesn't want to land on a chain gang."

"Make a note to report it," said George. "The N— sneers up the glasses and then gives us dirty looks."

"Must be a Yankee N—. Where you come from, boy?"

No answer.

There were other people at the fountain listening to it. I wondered why some of them didn't stop the boys; a few of them were grinning. The others didn't seem to notice.

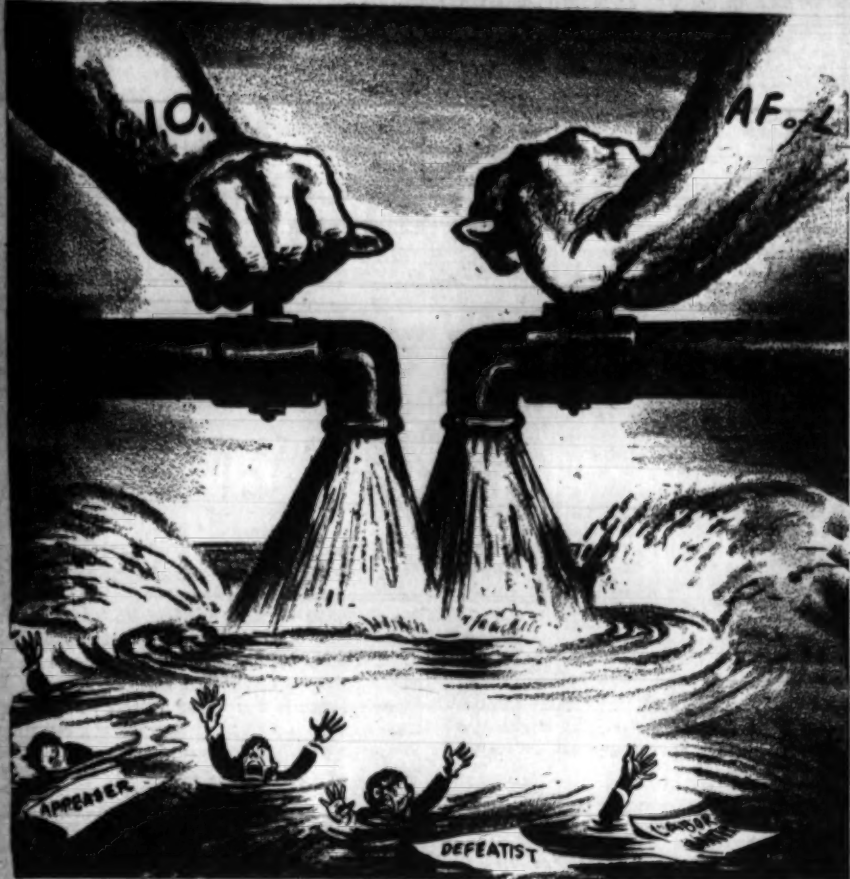
The eyes were turned down again. I wondered what was going on in them. I realized that I was shivering with fury. I started to slide down off my stool. I'd tell them a thing or two, I would.

## RADIO HIGHLIGHTS

Mayor LaGuardia, Principal Speaker at Red Cross Assembly Drive, WJZ, 10:30 A.M. ... Board of Education Plans by Americans Program, WNYC, 2:05 P.M. ... Philadelphia Orchestra, WOR, 2:30 P.M. ... New School Drama Workshop, WNYC, 5 P.M. ... Walter Kamsell Sings Songs of the United Nations on "Keep Working, Keep Singing," WABC, 6:30 P.M. ... OPA Chief, Prentiss W. Brown, Addresses School Administrators on Meat Rationing, WEAF, 10:30 P.M. ... OWI Head, Elmer Davis, in Second of Weekly Talks, Most Stations, 10:45 P.M.

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## Dangerous Delay

TWO of the current arguments for delaying the invasion of Europe got cracked on the head by two leading British members of Parliament.

Beaverbrook replied to the argument that we have to delay invasion until we settle the U-boat menace with the sound retort that, "If we invade Norway or France at once we will bring the U-boat bases on those shores under our authority."

That is, the best way to crack the U-boat menace is to seize control of the U-boat bases.

Another active supporter of an immediate invasion as the most efficient solution to our military problems was Lord Wedgwood, Laborite, who effectively answered those who tell us we must delay an invasion of Europe until we have won complete victory in Tunisia. "For heaven's sake," he cried, "if our military have come to the conclusion that we cannot take Bizerte by June 1, then let us draw stumps (call it off) and start somewhere else. There are plenty of other places."

Our invasion of France will, in fact, greatly help our forces in Tunisia, since the Nazis would no longer be in position to rush reinforcements to Rommel.

Hitler is hoping, praying, and working for the delay of a Second Front. The people need to prevent him from succeeding. Labor should note that precious weeks are fast passing away since the Casablanca decision.

No one can just sit back and watch the defeatists and hesitators blocking the Casablanca decision. It is time for everyone to speak out now for the invasion of Europe, the thing Hitler is most afraid of. Some CIO unions have begun to sound the alarm at the delay. Let the entire public demand for an attack upon Hitler rise to great heights now. Delay will cost us heavily.

## Sea Takes 288 More

A NAVY announcement lists 288 U. S. merchant seamen as lost in line of duty, delivering war materials to United Nations war fronts. This brings the number officially listed to a total of 3,905.

The bulk of those men were members of the National Maritime Union, the union whose part in this war will be inscribed by historians in golden letters. The men who "keep 'em sailin'" have lost, proportionately, far more than any section of our armed forces.

The U. S. Maritime Commission is showing little appreciation of the sacrifice and heroism of these men by its recent changes in port bonus and war risk insurance regulations. Their net effect is to chisel into the seamen's earnings. Adequate earnings is the very least America can provide for these heroes of the sea.

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## The POLITICAL SCENE

# Wallace's Warning

By Milton Howard

VICE-PRESIDENT WALLACE has been associated, perhaps more than any other Government spokesman, with the effort of the ruling circles in the United States to work out a new, cooperative relationship with the Soviet Union.

From October 1917 to December 1942, American policy toward the Soviet Union was dominated by the fixed obsession (even during the brief friendly interlude after America's official recognition in 1933) that the Soviet Government was weak, incompetent, tyrannical, and without any firm hold upon the loyalty of its people. The corollary of this was the illusion that the Soviet system of socialist production was inefficient, backward, and not to be compared with the industrial capacity of the other states.

Wallace is trying to dissipate in some measure the almost unbelievable ignorance about the Soviet one-sixth of the globe which prevailed in America for twenty-five years thanks to the unceasing and profitable racket of the "hate Russia" journalists typified by Max Eastman, Eugene Lyons, William Henry Chamberlain and others.

This is so because Wallace speaks for that group within the Government which has decided to substitute political realities for maniacal prejudices. Prejudices are an unreliable guide in the calculation of national interests, and the anti-Soviet prejudice has been proved by history to be the most foolish and costly of all.

PRIOR to his latest speech on the Soviet Union delivered the other day in Ohio, Wallace made two notable remarks on the subject of American-Soviet relations. First, in his famous "Century of the Common Man" speech, delivered May 1942 he laid down this theoretical approach to American Soviet relations:

"The march of freedom of the past 150 years has been a long-drawn out peoples revolution. In this Great Revolution of the people, there were the American Revolution of 1775, the French Revolution of 1792, the Latin-American revolutions of the Bolivarian period, the German Revolution of 1848, and the Russian Revolution of 1917. Each spoke for the common man in terms of the blood on the battlefield."

Thus, in his very first pronouncement on the subject, Wallace gave

the conservative-minded but honest people of the country a new approach in which the Russian Revolution was depicted not as some barbarous, fiendish development, but as a historically progressive fact linked to the more generally accepted ideas of evolving capitalist democracy.

Wallace saw, if not altogether accurately, at least sympathetically that the Russian Revolution and the resulting socialist society were not a "hateful break" with the advances of the past but a historic continuation of those democratic advances with which American nations had been so intimately linked throughout her history.

Secondly, several months later, November, 1942, Wallace returned to this theme with the more developed idea that:

"Russia and the United States have had a profound effect on each other... In order that the United Nations may effectively serve the world, it is vital that the United States and Russia be in accord as to the fundamentals of an enduring peace based on the aspirations of the common man."

Thus, the "peoples revolution" theme was supplemented with the practical political insistence that America's future was linked with American-Soviet collaboration.

IN HIS most recent speech, Wallace returns with renewed vigor to his basic theme of American-Soviet collaboration, emphasizing the urgency of "a satisfactory understanding" with the Soviet Union which still engages ninety per cent of Hitler's armies alone, in the absence of a second front.

In making this emphasis, Wallace continues, on the one hand, to combat the anti-Soviet fanaticism of the Hoover-Hearst-Lavalmen of America, while on the other hand, he is no doubt seeking to influence the forces of his own camp.

But in his latest speech, Wallace introduces some new notes which deserve detailed consideration.

He adds to the fight for American-Soviet collaboration the warning (valuable to the people) that there will be the danger of another, but reactionary war. "If we fail to demonstrate that we can furnish full employment after this war comes to an end, and Fascist interests, motivated largely by anti-Russian bias, get control of our Government."

Coming from so highly-placed

and well-informed an official, this is a revelation that Wallace and the Roosevelt forces very well know that the danger of American Fascism is very real. Wallace is indicating that this fascism, whose leaders we know, is awaiting what it considers the "inevitable" economic chaos of the post-war, and that it hopes to be able (by 1944 Presidential elections let us say) to reverse the entire course of the war in favor of a deal with Nazi Germany. He warned against an American "double-cross" of the Soviet Union.

Wallace is indicating, therefore, the understanding of the Administration forces that anti-Soviet obsessions constitute a persistent peril even now to the outcome of the war, and to the future of world peace.

But in addition to this reiterated fight for American-Soviet collaboration, Wallace makes some serious concessions to the anti-Soviet propaganda of his political enemies which mark a retreat from the position outlined in his earlier "peoples revolution" speeches.

And it is this which we must note and try to correct if we can by further discussion.

For example, in his speech on March 8 last week, Wallace drops the idea that the Russian Revolution was a historic outgrowth of the struggle for democracy, and substitutes for it the idea that:

"Marxism is in some ways the child of Prussianism, because Marx, his high priest, was molded in his thinking by Hegel, the great philosopher of the Prussian state. Marxism used the Cheka just as Prussianism has used the Gestapo."

As if this were not sufficiently historically unjust and inaccurate, Wallace "balances" his timely and justified warning against the brewing Fascist intrigues of the Hoover-Hearst forces with another "warning" that war with the Soviet Union will be inevitable "if Russia should again embrace the idea of fomenting world revolution."

Both of these ideas are an echo of the misconceptions which have bedeviled America's clear view of the Soviet state and its world relations. Coming at this particular moment, they are bound to have the harmful effect of weakening the position of Wallace's own camp in the political struggle with the fascist forces. That is why we shall analyze and refute them in another column appearing Monday.

# New York State Senate OK's Coudert Witch-Hunt

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the committee, who declared on the floor that he was "heartily ashamed" of his past association with the committee.

Many assemblymen, after the vote in the lower house yesterday, sought to alibi themselves privately by saying that the committee had changed its character and was no longer a "red-hunting expedition." Even some of the Republican leaders took this tack. Unless labor and other forces speak up many senators may find this a convenient out.

Opponents of the increased sales tax frankly fear a week-end move to upset yesterday's assembly rejection of that particular levy. This

is parliamentarily possible since the bill has been tabled, and not finally killed. This permits the Dewey-dominated assembly majority to call up the bill for reconsideration.

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They will do this, of course, only if they are confident that they can change a number of Republican votes. Continuation of the protest movement can undoubtedly balk that maneuver.

However, the arguments that failure to sanction the increase will put New York in an impossible financial dilemma has considerable weight here. Thus, chances of favorable consideration of the National Lawyers Guild 4-point program, accepted by Mayor LaGuardia, have risen.

# 'Farm Bloc' Perils Food Supply, Murray Warns

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the "farm bloc" and allied it more closely with the National Farmers Union.

The CIO blast came at the peak of disruptive activity by the "farm bloc" in Congress.

The House today approved by voice vote a resolution sponsored by Rep. Harold D. Cooley of North Carolina authorizing the House Agriculture Committee to conduct an investigation of the Farm Security Administration.

Rep. John Sparkman of Alabama, one of the Congressional friends of FSA, said that the agency would welcome an investigation of its activities, and this accounted in part for the lack of opposition to the Cooley resolution.

It was believed, however, the investigation to be conducted by the Agriculture Committee would be part of the powerful "farm bloc" attack against FSA, the one agency which has really tried to help the small farmers.

Only yesterday the House voted to strip FSA of any supervision over the farm labor program and to slash a request of \$65,000,000 for mobilizing farm labor to \$26,000,000 and to turn the program over to the Department of Agriculture's extension service which is controlled by the farm bloc.

Murray pointed out that in addition to higher food production goals

there is a need for a shift away from non-essential to essential crops.

He said that at least one-third of the nation's farm labor is still concentrated in farming non-essential crops such as tobacco and short staple cotton. There is on hand a two-year supply of both these crops.

As one specific proposal to solve the farm labor problem, the Murray statement urged that these workers be shifted to essential food production.

"An effective recruiting and labor placement service must be established for agriculture and the drain of farm labor into urban industry must be checked by raising and stabilizing farm wages. If necessary by means of wage subsidies to farmers," Murray said.

Murray urged that a mobile corps of seasonal farm workers be set up at once, and that adequate training programs be established for skilled, year-round farm workers.

He warned that this mobilization "must be on the basis of real needs, not pressure from factories in the field desirous of obtaining a large supply of cheap labor solely for the purpose of beating down local wages."

Murray emphasized that the hue and cry for higher farm prices which will bring inflation is coming not from the farmers themselves but from the so-called farm bloc.

## A Letter To the Editor

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The New York State Restaurant Association would not answer to the Daily Worker's query on policy of city restaurants. Association spokesmen avoided answering by being out all day.

Communist Councilman Peter V. Cacchione has introduced a bill to the City Council requiring that all places of public accommodation, resort or amusement, post signs in a conspicuous place carrying those sections of the State Civil Rights Law forbidding discrimination on account of color, race or creed.

"Many people do not know that there is such a thing as a State Civil Rights Law forbidding discrimination," said Cacchione. "But very few know that there are severe penalties provided by law for discrimination. If the people knew their rights, they would be quick to insist on their rights."

The answer to the letter is made in Cacchione's statement.

The Negro women are free to go wherever they want to. As participants in the greatest struggle of all time against tyranny, these fighters must find the doors to jobs and recreation open to them.



"From border to border  
From ocean to ocean...  
We're ready to fight to death..."

ONCE IN A WARTIME, you may get a chance to greet and shake the hand of our magnificent Russian ally. This Saturday, March 20, may be that once as the United Four Lodges of the Staten Island International Workers' Order fete Russian soldiers in CIO Hall, 117 Sharpe Ave., Port Richmond, S. I.

MEET THE MARINES, sons of the Soviet people, who have turned the tables on "invincible" Nazi time tables again and again and are now sweeping on in an advance which needs only an Anglo-American land attack from the west to put Hitler down under. The faces of the Fin-American members of Lodge 3829 who join in this stirring celebration will be friendship-brilliant when they clasp the hands of these representatives of the land that is making fascist Mannerheim leg homebound "on the double."

EDITOR, Fraternally Yours:

I read in your column an item dealing with the services of Life Insurance Service Bureau. I should like to know whether the Bureau is an official recruiting agency for the IWO or whether it advises on life insurance matters regardless of IWO membership.—S. K. Bronx, N. Y.

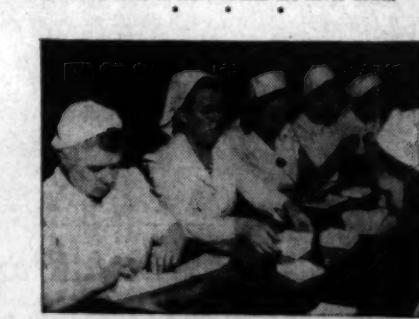
THE LIFE INSURANCE Service Bureau is not an agency of the IWO. Mr. H. A. Seligson, its director, is an authority on life insurance, health and accident insurance, and hospitalization insurance. Any person, IWO and non-IWO member, may receive advice on such problems at the low consultation fee of 50 cents and \$1. The Bureau, located at 80 Fifth Ave., 16th floor, considers IWO insurance an exceptionally good buy for your family protection dollars.

TRIPLE CITIES—Endicott, Binghamton and Johnson City, N. Y.—are a triple threat to fascism, the way their war aid to fighting Russia has spiraled up through energies of IWO lodges there. Members of Ukrainian, Slovak, Carpatho-Russian, Russian, Italian-American and general IWO lodges guarantee no relief to the enemy by making the war relief "graph" rocket.

STAND FORTH and be counted, Lodges 1594, 2662, 3015, 326, 1515, 2015 and 3275! The treasurer reports that Endicott and Binghamton alone sped a grand total of \$5,021.20 to Russian War Relief, and eight lodges have earned places on the permanent Russian aid committee of the Triple Cities.

SPRING SONGS, songs of love and battle, songs of long ago and of today, will make "echoes sound afar" when the Ukrainian Leontovich Chorus moves into Town Hall for a colorful afternoon of people's culture, Sunday, March 21, at 2:45 P. M. Under joint, proud sponsorship of the IWO Ukrainian-American Section and the Ukrainian-American League, the brilliantly costumed chorus will fill the air with their artistry in folk songs, solos and contemporary Soviet songs. Frank Illich will lead the band that makes the music flow. Vilchik Zlatko Balokovic will be the guest artist.

NO FORGOTTEN MEN are these members and sons of IWOers, serving Uncle Sam and U. S. They're the boys with the GI's-Month, shipped regularly from the IWO National Servicemen's Welfare Committee. First-rate books, candy, cigarettes, shaving supplies and other "little things" make a big difference in bringing home and camp closer. The communication lines of fraternalism are never down.



DRESSINGS FOR YANKS earned Red Cross thanks for these Ukrainian-American women of Lodge 1501, Chicago, who "deliver the goods" for men who need surgery on the field of action. Their volunteer Red Cross Unit, 35 strong, prepared 3,600 surgical necessities in the first six weeks of its existence. Women of Chicago Jewish-American Lodges 1, 96, 176 and 244, newly-set-up as a Unit, have 800 articles to their credit.

PRIVATE WINS PUBLIC. "I am very proud to belong to such an organization," writes Pvt. William Shugar, IWO member in uniform. "I received your wonderful package and it was very thoughtful of you to send it to me. It sure was a wow! And my tentmates sure made fast work of the candy and cigarettes. ... It gives me a good feeling to know that no matter if I am home or not, I was not forgotten."

WOULD YOU like to know? Do you have questions in your mind about the IWO? What it is—what it does—and why? Where you can meet an IWO lodge, youth or women's group in action? Don't be a question "hoarder." Let Fraternally Yours have your queries. You'll help share practical information with your fellow readers.

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